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MENTORED by American troops, Filipino Scout Rangers show how to storm a house during counter-terrorism exercises on Friday in Cabunbata, Basilan.

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### Copa? What's that?

ANONG 'K' NILA?

**By Dona Pazzibugan**

COPA? What's that?

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye thinks the members of Copa (Council for Philippine Affairs) are "giving themselves too much importance" in thinking that President Macapagal-

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# GI tagged in shooting

## *Probe sought of US soldier in wounding of Abu suspect*

**By Julie S. Alipala**
*PDI Mindanao Bureau*
**and Juliet L. Javellana**
*in Manila*

**BAYAN Muna Representatives Satur Ocampo and Liza Maza yesterday sought a full congressional investigation of the Wednesday shooting of a resident of Tuburan, Basilan, purportedly by an American soldier.**

Speaking by phone from Basilan's capital of Isabela, Maza and Ocampo said US soldier Reggie Lane shot and wounded Tuburan resident Buyong-buyong Isnijal in the course of an arrest operation. They said the incident was a clear violation of the Terms of Reference of the RP-US Balikatan 02-1 and showed US intrusion in Philippine affairs.

Ocampo said Lane should not be allowed to leave the country and should be charged with frustrated murder. But Dr. Julius Aguila, director of the Lamitan District Hospital, said Lane was pulled out "the next day."

The two party-list representatives said they had conducted a fact-finding investigation in Barangay Bato-bato in Tuburan together with the 67-member International Solidarity Mission. The ISM, composed of representatives of 13 countries, is looking into reports of human rights violations committed under Balikatan 02-1.

"Our worst fears have materialized. US soldiers are now involved in police operations in our country," Maza said.

Ocampo added: "It was very evident that the Americans are intruding in Philippine internal affairs."

But US and Philippine military officials were quick to dismiss the accusation.

"We have not received that report. We are denying it. We would know if something happened," Agence France Presse quoted Maj. Richard Sater, spokesperson for the US forces in the South, as saying.

Sater's Filipino counterpart, Col. Fredesvindo Covarrubias, said: "This is

GI/A14

**VIP VISITOR:** President Macapagal attends a traditional royal wedding (Gandamra-Dumarpa nuptial) in Marawi City on Saturday before proceeding to the 3rd National Conference of the Ulama League of the Philippines.

EDWIN BACASMAS

## Historic town where crime does not exist

**By Maurice Malanes**
*PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

BAKUN, Benguet—If President Macapagal-Arroyo is looking for a model for her "strong republic," she can do worse than visit this upland town (population: 17,000). It has something that other towns and cities can only dream about: a zero crime rate.

Where lies Bakun's secret?

"Our indigenous *tongtong* justice and value systems have a lot to do with it (the zero crime rate)," said Amos Beta-a of the Bakun Indigenous Tribes Organization (Bito), a homegrown grassroots organization of the town's Kankanaey and Bago people.

The *tongtong* is a justice system based on the consensus of community elders. It remains in use even now, Beta-a said, in resolving petty crimes such as physical assault and theft.

The historic decision last July 20, when Evelyn Dunuan, chair of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples, awarded to the Kankanaey and Bago people their Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title (CADT), will make the *tongtong* system even more relevant.

It is the first CADT awarded to indigenous people.

The title finally recognized the Kankanaey and Bago folk's collective ownership of their 30,000-hectare ancestral domain, enabling them to manage, protect, and use their land and resources for their own development and welfare.

But the CADT also encouraged them to integrate their indigenous socio-political and justice system into community governance.

Emeterio Neyney, 88, one of Bakun's surviving elders from Ampusongan village, recalled how the *tongtong* in the old days resolved cases as varied as petty theft, rape and even marital woes.

In a rape case, Neyney said, the *papangoan* or elders' council may recommend to the aggrieved woman that she forgive and marry the man who abused her. In some cases, the *papangoan* succeeded, Neyney said.

HISTORIC/A14

## Balikatan effective, says Colin Powell

**By Jennie L. Ilustre**
*PDI .Washington Correspondent*

WASHINGTON, D.C.—American security experts urged US Secretary of State Colin Powell over the weekend to recommend that "future Asean military exercises be modeled on the successful Balikatan . . . exercises between the United States and the Philippines."

Their remarks came a day after Powell told Asian reporters that joint RP-US military exercises that end on Wednesday have "paid off in terms of effectiveness of the Philippine armed forces" in combating terrorism.

Large-scale military exercises will resume in October. Powell will likely discuss the terms of a sustained, expanded military cooperation arrangement when he meets with President Macapagal-Arroyo in Manila on Aug. 3.

On Friday, Heritage Foundation analyst Paolo Pasicolan told the INQUIRER that the "US wants to strengthen the Philippine military's ability to deal with terror. Hopefully, this will translate to greater regional security as well, especially since Manila has displayed a willingness to lead the war on terrorism in Southeast Asia."

Dana R. Dillon, the foundation's senior policy analyst for Southeast Asia, said, "Unlike previous exercises, this year's Balikatan was conducted in Basilan, where the Abu Sayyaf terrorists were holding American hostages.

BALIKATAN/A14

**SECRETARY** of State Colin L. Powell (2nd from right) briefs Asian journalists including PDI Washington correspondent Jennie Ilustre (3rd from left facing Powell) at the State Department before leaving for Asia. He meets with President Macapagal Aug. 3.

## Vasectomy for me – for my wife

**By Dr. Jondi Flavier**
*Contributor*

*(Editor's note: Dr. Jonathan David Flavier, 40, is the eldest son of Sen. Juan Flavier. He is currently working on the health programs of the Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement.)*

ON Nov. 20, 2001, I had a non-scalpel vasectomy (NSV). It was performed on my office table.

I went to the office in the morning and my co-worker—our NSV trainor Dr. Francis Floresca—performed the procedure in the privacy of my room with my wife, Patit, who is a doctor, assisting him. After the procedure, I went out of the office without my other co-workers knowing what had happened.

With just a Band-Aid on my NSV puncture site, I was able to meet with advocates in Congress, the secretary of health and other participants in the Social-Development Summit. I felt no pain or discomfort during the entire day.

I would like to explain why I am sharing this experience with the public.

I believe it is important for men to obtain information regarding this procedure. I found it difficult to gather first-hand information and to talk to men who had undergone a vasectomy. There are a number of myths and misconceptions that have to be dispelled.

Vasectomy, at least the kind I had, is usually an eight-minute procedure but my wife and I needed around eight years before we could finally decide that I should have one.

At that time, we already had two children—Pauline Joy, a lovely and talkative girl in the first grade, and Jose Carlo, a loving and timid boy who had just started pre-school.

While Patit and I enjoyed most of her pregnancy, she did not have an easy

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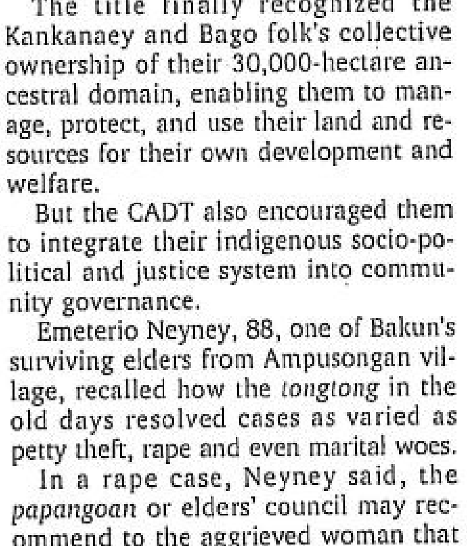

**RESPONSIBLE** parenthood has long been a burden imposed on women, says the author (at left) shown here with his kids Jose Carlo, Pauline Joy and wife Patit.

# Second FRONT PAGE

BAKA MAKATAKAS NA NAMAN YAN!

# Marohombsar believed hiding in Metro

By Jerome Aning and Dona Pazzibugan

**THE ESCAPED leader of the Pentagon kidnap gang is hiding somewhere in Metro Manila while waiting for Malacañang to approve the terms of his surrender, a source at the National Bureau of Investigation said yesterday.**

Speaking on condition of anonymity, the NBI source said Faizal Marohombsar was living in a small house with the "facilitator" of the surrender negotiations.

The source did not say how long Marohombsar has been in the capital.

Norberto Gonzales, the President's adviser for special concerns who said he was negotiating the escaped gang leader's surrender, also said he had a feeling Marohombsar was just in Manila.

NBI director Reynaldo Wycoco had been authorized by President Macapagal-Arroyo to negotiate with Marohombsar since Wycoco heads the agency that initiated the talks with the fugitive gang leader, the source said.

Marohombsar's conditions for surrendering include conjugal visitation rights, financial aid and security for his family and the chance to surrender to the NBI personally, the source said.

Marohombsar and 10 members of the Pentagon gang were arrested during a raid of their hideout in Quiapo, Manila on Feb. 16, 2002. Early this month, he and two of his followers escaped from their detention cells in Camp Crame, Quezon City.

## Miscommunication

The media have zeroed in on Gonzales and Press Under-secretary Roberto Capco as the probable "culprits" in the President's embarrassing retraction last Friday of a premature statement saying Marohombsar had surrendered to the government following talks.

Presidential Spokesperson Ignacio Bunye said the President's mistake was due to "pure miscommunication."

He said Marohombsar could not dictate conditions towards the government and that the only thing a negotiator could offer him was "a guarantee of safety and a guarantee of due process."

Capco angrily complained to Palace reporters that he was always being blamed when things went wrong, but said he would take the blame this time.

He said the President had been assured that Marohombsar had surrendered because Gonzales had told her so.

## Wrong timing

Gonzales, however, said he had not briefed the President.

"Maybe we were wrong about the timing," Gonzales conceded.

Gonzales said he was giving himself only until today to convince Marohombsar to surrender.

"After Sunday I'll tell the President I won't deal with him anymore. I'm sorry. I have a lot of work. It's the job of the police and the military anyway," he said.

He said the President approved of his talks with the kidnap leader.

He said he spoke on the phone on Friday with Marohombsar.

"He said he wants to talk to his other commanders first because he was surprised by the President's announcement," Gonzales said.

## Commander slain

In General Santos City, a senior gang leader was slain and five other kidnappers arrested in separate operations by lawmen, police spokesmen said.

Tungko Abdulrahman, also known as "Commander Tropical" was shot dead and three of his gang members captured when police raided their hideout in Isulan town in Sultan Kudarat province on Thursday.

In another operation also on Thursday, police in Polomolok town, South Cotabato captured two members of the Pentagon kidnap gang.

Police captured three other gang members—Rustom Sambag, 35, Salahudin Mupac, 28 and Rasid Dudin, 21. Police also seized a .45 cal. pistol from the gunmen.

The two are suspected of involvement in the kidnapping of two persons in 1999 and murder and attempted murder cases, police director Senior Supt. Jorge Aquisap said. ***With a report from AP***

# Ople vows US ties built on respect

By Cynthia D. Balana

INCOMING Foreign Affairs Secretary Blas Ople has promised to build a strong Philippine-American relationship based on "mutual respect for sovereignty, common security and the shared values of democracy and freedom."

Ople said this policy of promoting stronger ties with the United States was in line with the foreign policy initiatives enunciated by President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Scheduled to take his oath before the President on July 30, Ople said he was elated by a statement from the US Embassy welcoming his appointment.

Ople said the nation should rally behind the President's campaign against domestic and international terrorism as espoused by US President George W. Bush.

The Philippines was among the first countries to declare support for Bush's war against global terrorism.

Earlier, Ople had admitted to being a friend of the US, but stressed this did not make him unpatriotic or anti-Filipino.

He said he admired the US tradition of excellence, particularly in its political and civil institutions.

On the fight against terrorism, Ople called for a full and open debate on the anti-terrorism bills now pending in Congress to ensure that concerns about human rights, including the right to privacy, are fully protected.

"We should craft an anti-terrorism bill that balances the right of the state to self-protection against the right of individuals to their civil liberties," he said.

Ople, the outgoing chair of the Senate committee on foreign relations, said he expected the different versions of the bill to be folded into one or two final versions for floor debate and deliberation.

The President, in her State of the Nation Address on July 22, urged Congress to pass an anti-terrorism measure to fight lawlessness.

Ople said there had been opposition to previous bills because of provisions allowing warrantless arrest, electronic eavesdropping and government prying into private bank accounts.

He said the Philippines should avoid the extremism of the Internal Security Act of Singapore and Malaysia and make concessions to constitutional guarantees.

"This country is not without hope. Its fundamentals are as good as any nation's, and Jose Rizal's vision of a Philippines independent and prosperous a hundred years ago is capable of realization in our own era," he said.

# Farmers belie Sona claim

BACOLOD CITY—Where are the 7,000 hectares of land "distributed" to farmers in Negros Occidental?

Where did President Macapagal-Arroyo get this State of the Nation Address (Sona) data on which she based her claim that the province was a land reform "topnotcher?"

Running priest Fr. Robert Reyes and about 100 farmer-members of Task Force Mapalad demanded answers to these questions last Friday via a 10-kilometer protest run around Bacolod City.

Reyes said "Dalagan Para sa Duta kag Kabuhi(Run for Land and Life)" was meant "to highlight the real situation of agrarian reform in Negros Occidental."

Farmers who joined the run were said to be agrarian reform beneficiaries of land owned by First Gentleman Mike Arroyo, businessmen Eduardo Cojuangco and Roberto Cuenca and the heirs of Roberto Benedicto, among others.

Reyes cited five landholdings totaling 677 hectares belonging to Mike Arroyo and his relatives in central Negros Occidental. The President herself announced that these would be distributed under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) in May last year, Reyes said.

Jose Rodito Argueles, Task Force Mapalad national spokesman, said the land had not been issued a Notice of Coverage, one of 27 steps in the ownership transfer process. ***Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau***

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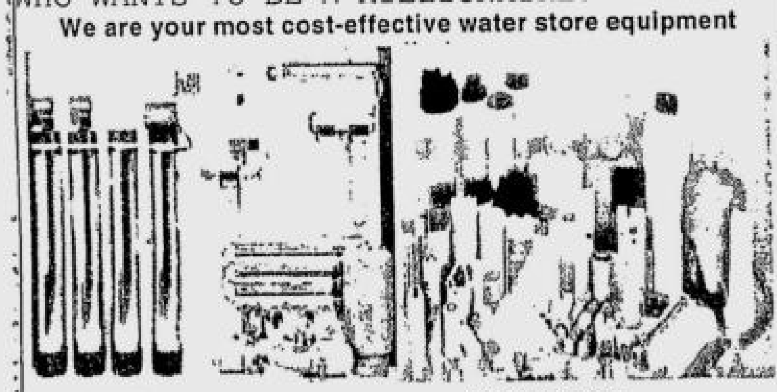

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# Senators promised a peek at MLSA

**By Dona Pazzibugan and TJ Burgonio**

SENATORS will be fully briefed by the foreign affairs secretary and the defense secretary on the proposed Mutual Logistics Support Agreement (MLSA) with the United States before President Macapagal-Arroyo signs it, Malacañang said yesterday.

In any case, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said, Ms Macapagal has not yet approved the agreement and "is not in any hurry to sign anything at this time."

Asked if the senators' comments would be considered, Bunye said, "We'll let them decide what course of action to be taken."

Ms Macapagal had said the MLSA would not require ratification by the Senate since it was an executive agreement.

But Sen. Blas Ople, who will be taking over as foreign affairs secretary on July 30, has assured his Senate colleagues that he would make public the final MLSA draft as soon as it is finished.

A Cabinet committee composed of Ople, Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes and Justice Secretary Hernando Perez was still working on the final draft.

Bunye asked the senators to be patient.

"(The briefing) is just a matter of timing. According to Senator Ople, the terms of the MLSA are not yet final. . .so it's pointless at this time to present something which is not final," he said.

Ms Macapagal told reporters on Wednesday that she had not seen the final draft.

But she indicated the MLSA was good as approved as the leaving behind by US forces of their military equipment at the end of Balikatan 02-1 on July 31 would depend on its approval.

She said the Americans would leave their night-vision gadgets and other equipment "if the MLSA is approved, because that is the agreement that will provide for that logistic support."

She denied the agreement would give basing rights to the US.

She described the MLSA as some sort of "accounting agreement," that would determine how to account for the logistics exchange during bilateral military exercises.

"How do you handle the logistics, the schools, airports, roads they (US) built? How do you put that into accounting? How do you handle the night-vision (equipment) that we want them to leave behind? What's the accounting procedure for handling that?

"That's what it's all about. Otherwise we'd have to pay for all those things they left here," she said.

The militant Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas, meanwhile, claimed yesterday the $55 million in military aid the US was giving the Philippines was meant to be a bribe for Ms Macapagal to "fast-track the approval of the MLSA and turn the Philippines into a huge US military arsenal in the Asia-Pacific region."

"The $55 million is a reward to Ms Macapagal who is now the world's No. 1 US puppet," said KMP chair Rafael Mariano in a statement.

The Kilusang Mayo Uno warned the military aid, like the MLSA, would ensure the "comprehensive interference" of the US in the country's affairs.

# GMA rallies 'ulama' vs extremism

MARAWI CITY—President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday urged the powerful Ulama League of the Philippines (ULP) here to exert more effort against Islamic extremism in the Southern Philippines.

In her speech before the 3rd ULP National Conference, Ms Macapagal urged the 300 Muslim clerics in attendance to help the government by clarifying misinterpretations of Islam.

The ULP is a moderate organization. The President said extremist groups, including the Abu Sayyaf, peddled their own versions of the Koran, often bordering on radicalism.

"I am urging the *ulama* (plural of *alim*, or scholar) to help their people understand true Islam," she said.

Ms Macapagal cited Libyan President Muamar Khadaffy as an example of a good Islamic teacher.

"(He) says Allah does not differentiate between the Koran, the Torah and the Bible because they are all Allah's book," she said.

Contrary to "lies" spread by anti-government forces, she added, the war on terrorism was not singling out Muslims.

"We don't discriminate in terms of religion," the President said. "We are not waging religious wars, we are promoting religious understanding."

She said the government was not hunting down Abu Sayyaf bandits because they were Muslims.

"They are criminals masquerading as champions of Islam," Ms Macapagal said. "They are traitors to the tenets of Islam, which is a religion of peace and forgiveness."***Grace Cantal-Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

# PPA exemption a priority-Drilon

BACOLOD CITY—The Senate will amend the Electric Power Industry Restructuring Act (Epira) to exempt households that consume less than 300 kilowatts per hour (kWh) per month from the purchased power adjustment (PPA), Senate President Franklin Drilon said here on Thursday.

Amending the Epira is a priority of the Senate, Drilon said, in a speech before the Rotary and Rotary Anns of Bacolod at the L' Fisher Hotel.

President Macapagal-Arroyo, he said, will also be taking a number of administrative measures to further bring down the PPA.

Among these will be rescinding the onerous contracts with independent power producers (IPPs) and the renegotiation of flawed contracts.

"There is some relief coming," Drilon said.

He said he sympathized with those protesting the PPA. "I myself am angry at the PPA," he said.

"When we were discussing (the PPA) in the Senate in May, it was something that we knew touched every household in this country," he said.

Drilon said he had recommended to the President the reduction of the PPA by 80 centavos per kWh. This resulted in the reduction of the PPA to about P110 per month in the Visayas, he added.

Drilon said the PPA was made necessary by the excessive contracts entered into by past administrations with IPPs that resulted in the excessive production of power. ***Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau***

# Solon seeks probe of investment scam

HOUSE Assistant Minority Leader Gilbert Remulla has sought a congressional probe into an alleged "get-rich-quick" scam that has duped thousands of police and military personnel.

This after the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas issued freeze orders against the assets of Glasgow Credit and Collection Services, ICS Exports, Strasborough International Corp. and NewsCastle International Corp. pending a probe into their alleged involvement in pyramid schemes and money-laundering activities.

Police and military personnel were the main investors in these firms, which promised hefty returns on investments.

Remula's call came as another firm similarly patronized by police and military personnel abruptly shut its operation without prior notice to investors.

A senior police officer said charges are being readied against MTST Inc., which had a branch in Bacolod City and was patronized by PNP and AFP personnel based in Western Visayas.

Records of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group showed MTST's principal owner Maria Theresa Santos was facing estafa charges before a Cavite court and a warrant of arrest had been issued against her.

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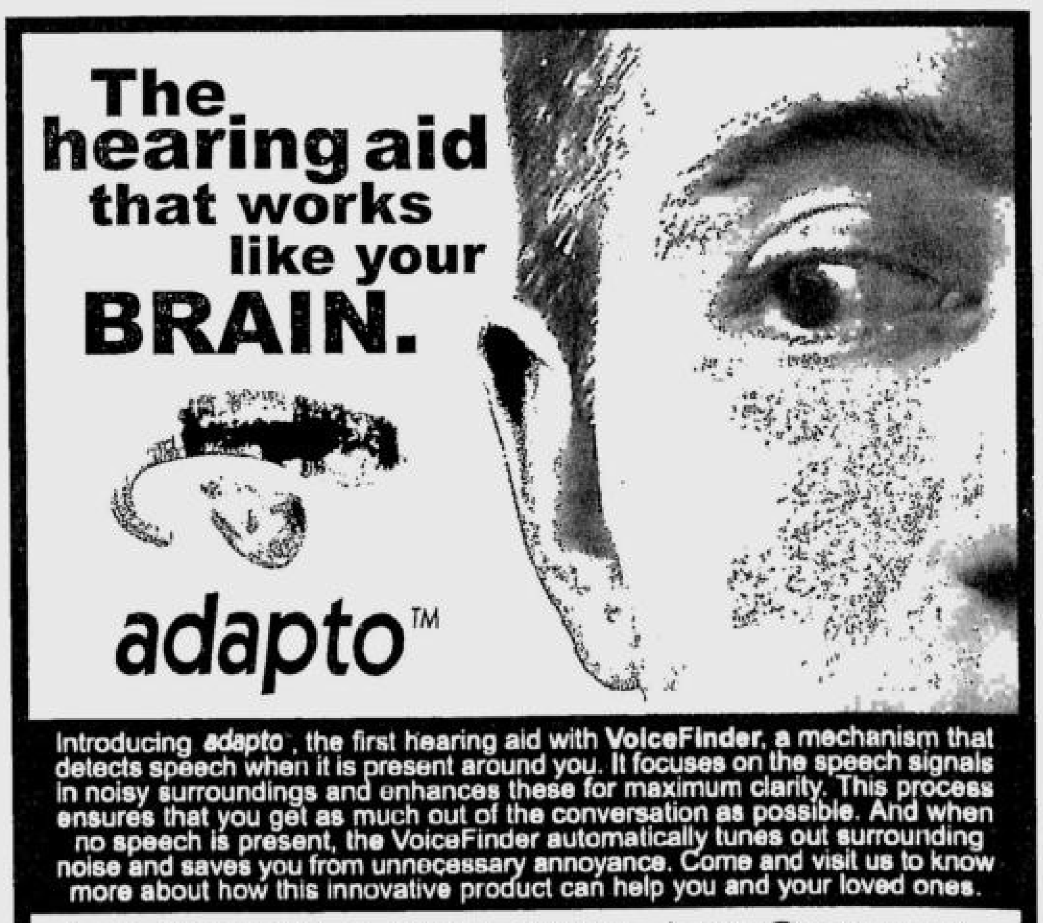
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# Asean pact with China could be non-binding

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei—Southeast Asia on Saturday appeared ready to settle for a non-binding accord with China to prevent military clashes in the South China Sea, but wants the deal to cover the entire area, not just disputed island groups.

Senior diplomats involved in hammering out a position for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) said elements of proposals from Malaysia and the Philippines were adopted Friday.

The closing of Southeast Asian ranks, billed as a milestone by diplomats, will lead to China being presented with a new proposal next week on a code of conduct for the entire South China Sea, an area over which it claims historical sovereignty.

Asean agreed on the Philippines' insistence that the code cover the whole area, while also consenting to Malaysia's proposal that it take the form of a non-binding political declaration, rather than a formal treaty that had little chance of success.

Talks on a code of conduct in the South China Sea, especially over the Spratly islands, have dragged on for more than three years and, in the words of a Malaysian diplomat, had been "going nowhere."

The new consensus still needs to be adopted by Southeast Asian foreign ministers, who will meet here next week for the Asia-Pacific's biggest annual security talks, including China, the United States, India, Japan, both Koreas, Australia and other countries.

Makarim Wibisono, a senior Indonesian foreign ministry official, said the code would not be legally binding but would carry moral clout and would be respected.

"If you disregard what you have agreed on, you will have the consequences of it, morally if not legally," Wibisono said.

Senior officials were still working Saturday on smaller details, such as the document's title.

The main area of contention in the South China Sea is the Spratlys, composed of islets and reefs believed to sit atop vast undersea oil and gas deposits. They have rich fishing grounds and straddle international shipping routes

China, Malaysia, the Philippines, Brunei, Vietnam and Taiwan claim the islands, wholly or in part.

The Philippines and Vietnam had initially envisioned a stronger treaty amid fresh disputes with China.

Diplomats said the new draft incorporated important provisions of past versions, including a pledge that the claimant countries would try to resolve disputes peacefully.

Other provisions reaffirm respect for freedom of navigation, pledge to notify each other about planned military exercises and prevent countries from occupying new areas.

Asean comprises the Philippines, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

# *Close call for tuna industry*

MARAWI CITY—The United States Congress has junked a bill that would have killed Mindanao's tuna industry, the region's major employer.

President Macapagal-Arroyo said Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo broke the good news to her yesterday morning.

The bill sought to give the Andean countries—Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru—duty-free access to the large US tuna market.

This would have cost the Philippines at least $40 million a year and 117,000 jobs, the President said.

A high-spirited Ms Macapagal told participants to the 3rd National Conference of the Ulama League of the Philippines here that the news was certainly worth waking up early for.

"I am happy to announce this to the thousands of our Muslim, Christian and Lumad brethren who rely on tuna fishing and tuna canning," the President said. "The US Congress has favored us. Our fear of losing preferential market access has been put to rest."

Ms Macapagal said this was the result of massive lobbying by the Philippine government to protect the local tuna industry.

She had written directly to US President George W. Bush about it, she said. "I'm so glad he listened."

The President also told the gathering that US support to the Philippines via USAID (Aid for International Development) has been increased by $70 million, and the bulk of this amount was earmarked for Mindanao.

***Grace Cantal-Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

# Repair 'sungkaan,' solon tells PNCC

CAPAS, Tarlac—Repair the North Luzon Expressway, or defer the collection of toll fees.

Tarlac Rep. Jesli Lapus said it was best the Philippine National Construction Corp. (PNCC) took the second option if it could not immediately patch up the expressway.

"It's like a *sungkaan*," Lapus said by way of describing rows of potholes along the 40-year-old highway that stretches from Balintawak in Quezon City to Sta. Ines in Mabalacat, Pampanga. "Sungka" is a game in which tiny shells are placed in little round holes.

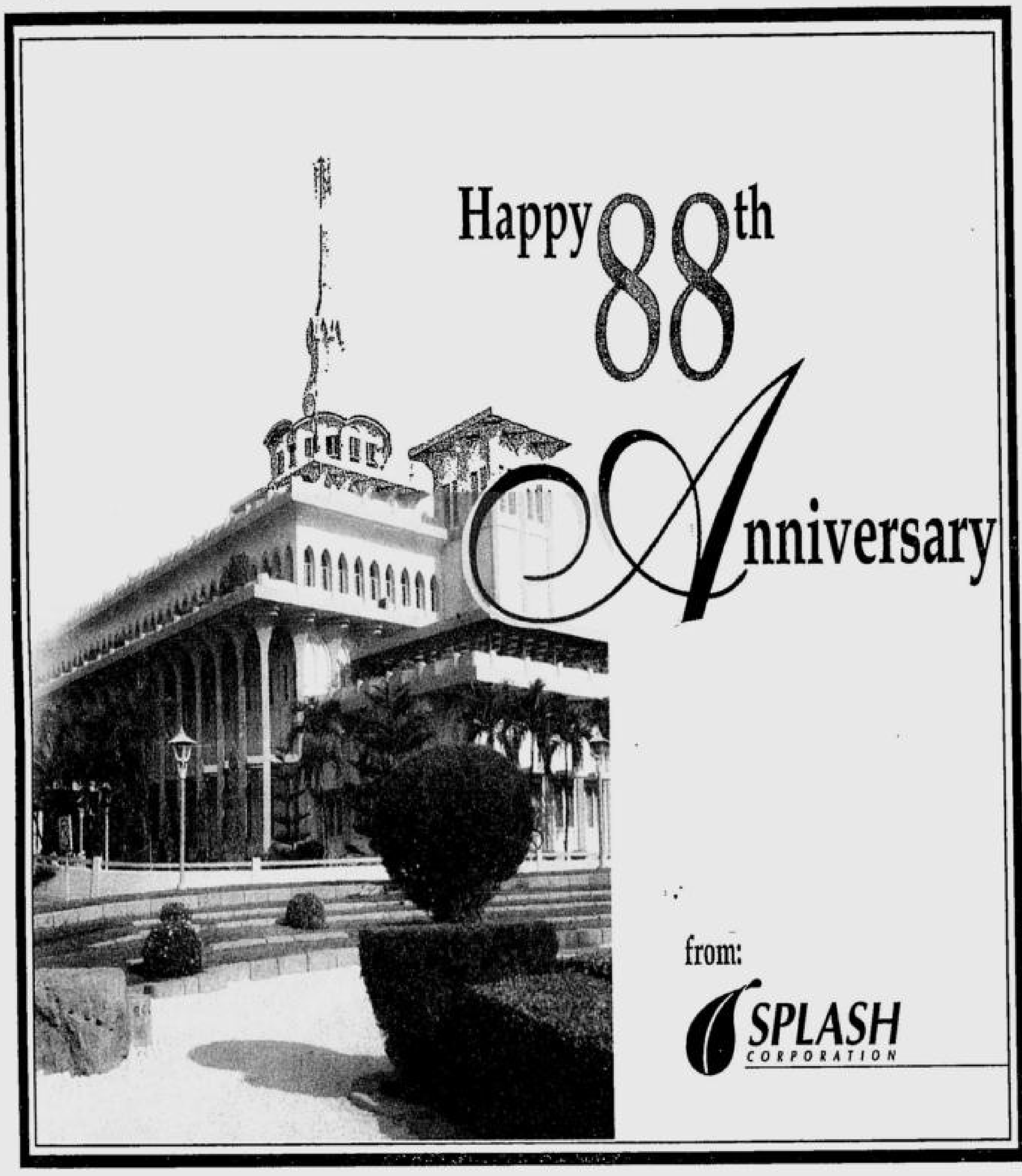
He said the state of disrepair posed risks to motorists and commuters. It also delayed the transport of goods, he said, and reduced the economic viability of the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport in the Clark Special Economic Zone.

Lapus said the expressway's condition had deteriorated because the PNCC did not allow the Manila North Tollway Corp. (MNTC) to assume its operation and rehabilitation. He recalled that the two companies signed an agreement to this effect in 1996, but it had yet to be implemented.

Even so, Lapus maintained, the PNCC could have upgraded the expressway on its own because it had fully recovered construction costs, and its operation had always been profitable.

Lapus called the PNCC's neglect "unfair."

"The PNCC should invest in upgrading the North Expressway soon," Lapus warned, "or I will propose that the collection of toll fees be frozen until it becomes fee-worthy." ***Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk***



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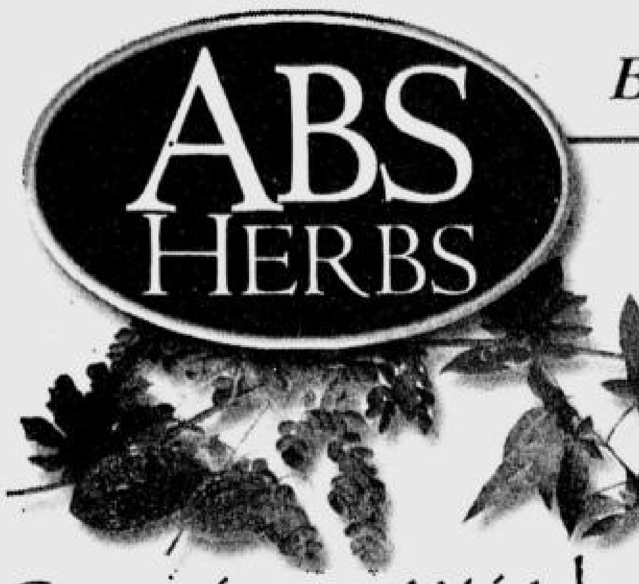

# Coping With DIABETES

## An Interview With Gary & Angeli Valenciano

Gary Valenciano would often say that a diabetic can be the healthiest person on earth, if his diabetes is managed properly. Gary developed diabetes at the age of 14. It started as a simple weight problem. No matter how much he ate, Gary kept on losing weight. Though the doctors saw symptoms of diabetes, they also considered the fact that Gary just needed time to adjust to the food and climate, having just arrived in the United States. A week after, he saw the same doctor and with a sugar level of 722 (the normal level being between 80-120) the diagnosis was given. Gary received his first painful shot of insulin.

Gary has juvenile diabetes, what they call a "killer" disease. But, he has coped with his daily personal drama, with a lot of help from his wife, Angeli Pangilinan Valenciano.

In an Asiaweek interview, Gary relates, "Show business has a way of getting to your head. Diabetes has planted my feet on the ground and kept me on my knees. My wife and I lift everything up to the Lord." Angeli adds, "Prayer and education will cure diabetes."

"Diabetes is a disease that has to be discussed because a lot of people are still very ignorant about the two types of diabetes. Gary has Type 1, the more severe diabetes called juvenile diabetes. Only 2% of the world's diabetics have juvenile diabetes. Type II is the adult-onset type. A lot of diabetics out there are still resistant to monitoring, to discipline and to medication. It is our hope that Gary will serve as a role model to encourage others to excel and triumph over adversity," says Angeli.

"Gary struggles with his diabetes daily and then but he has been extremely disciplined which has led to a healthier body for him. He needs to share his secrets with others so they too could learn from his mistakes and draw from his experiences."

Gary's illness is no hindrance to his sharing his music, inspiring us with his performances. Many hearts have been touched and lives changed because of his entrancing voice and soulful songs. An accomplished and successful artist, Gary has a zest for life. Despite his affliction, he lives by faith.

"Actually, diabetes can be emotionally frustrating," reveals Gary. "I inject about 50 units of insulin daily, two or three times a day. I stay away from high-calorie fatty foods and check my sugar level at least thrice a day. Exercise is important so I play basketball, golf, bowling and workout in the gym.. I take in herbal supplements like ABS Herbs which detoxifies my body and cleanses my body of toxic deposits. ABS Herbs also helps reduce my blood sugar levels and restores pancreas function."

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As someone married to a diabetic, Angeli relates having had to study the disease. "To understand how to help Gary manage his diabetes, I had to buy books and had to learn about diabetes through research. I also interview doctors whenever I can. A diabetic's family must live with the disease as if they, too, have it, so they eat the same food. They learn to sacrifice so as not to tempt the patient and the diabetic will not suffer from rejection," she says.

"Diabetics should never be alone," says Gary, recalling the number of times he almost lapsed into a diabetic coma. He has had many attacks on the road because many promoters or concert organizers do not realize how serious diabetes is. But, despite his struggles with diabetes, Gary has never cancelled a performance. "Short breaks are necessary though so I can check on my blood sugar levels during the concert."

On coping with her husband's disease, Angeli has this to say, "Very few understand that Gary is a living miracle that has required a lot of hard work, discipline, patience, perseverance, daily monitoring, and most important, faith and prayer. I believe all these have strengthened me mentally and spiritually. It is so difficult but I believe that God is the master Healer. Diabetes is a disease but God who said, 'I am the God that Healeth thee', is the best doctor. The Word says: 'By His wounds we are healed'. I await the day that the doctor will tell me: 'Angeli, believe it or not Gary is healed.' And watch out diabetes because I will believe."

Gary's message for diabetics and non-diabetics is the same, "Watch your diet, exercise, pray and value life. Live life to the fullest in God's way. Being healthy is a lifestyle."

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In photo (top) during the contract signing are, (seated l-r): Grace Galindes Gupana, Vice President – ABS Herbs International; Gary Valenciano; Paul Marino Gupana – President, ABS Herbs International; Angeli Pangilinan-Valenciano, President – Manila Genesis Entertainment Management, Inc.; Gina Valenciano Martinez – Executive Vice President – Manila Genesis Entertainment Management, Inc. Standing (l-r): Atty. Constantino "Banjo" Navarro, Pastor Eduardo Lapiz, Arch. & Mrs. Herman Atuel, and Tex Panganiban and Ms. Cora Lim, Vice President for Marketing, Mercury Drugs.

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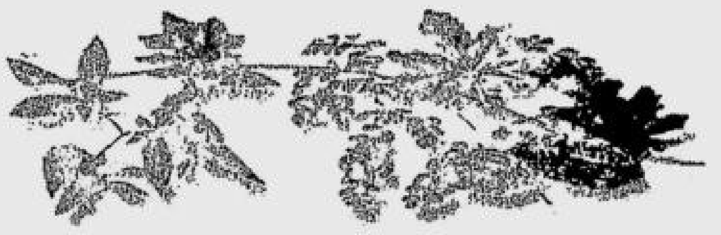

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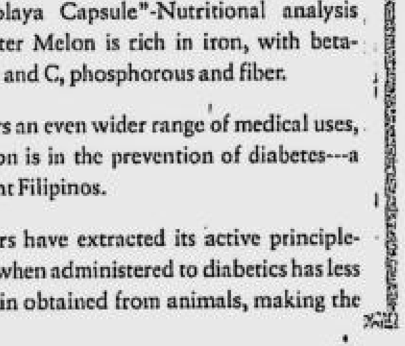

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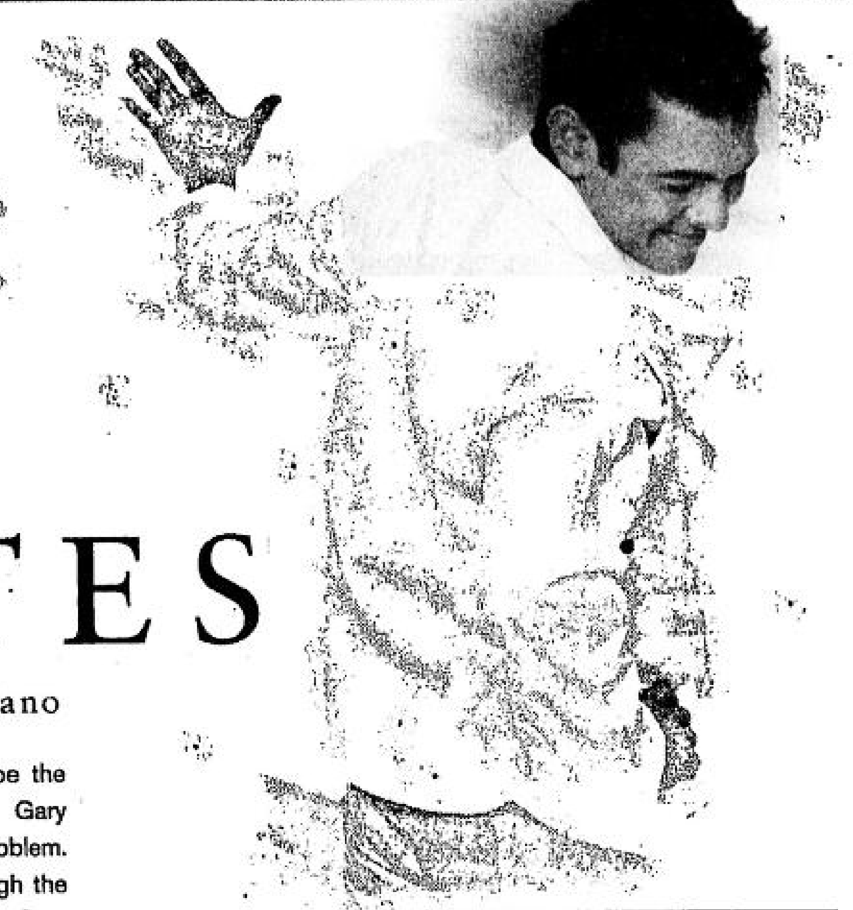

# Coping With DIABETES

### An Interview With Gary & Angeli Valenciano

Gary Valenciano would often say that a diabetic can be the healthiest person on earth, if his diabetes is managed properly. Gary developed diabetes at the age of 14. It started as a simple weight problem. No matter how much he ate, Gary kept on losing weight. Though the doctors saw symptoms of diabetes, they also considered the fact that Gary just needed time to adjust to the food and climate, having just arrived in the United States. A week after, he saw the same doctor and with a sugar level of 722 (the normal level being between 80-120) the diagnosis was given. Gary received his first painful shot of insulin.

Gary has juvenile diabetes, what they call a "killer" disease. But, he has coped with his daily personal drama, with a lot of help from his wife, Angeli Pangilinan Valenciano.

In an Asiaweek interview, Gary relates, "Show business has a way of getting to your head. Diabetes has planted my feet on the ground and kept me on my knees. My wife and I lift everything up to the Lord." Angeli adds, "Prayer and education will cure diabetes."

"Diabetes is a disease that has to be discussed because a lot of people are still very ignorant about the two types of diabetes. Gary has Type 1, the more severe diabetes called juvenile diabetes. Only 2% of the world's diabetics have juvenile diabetes. Type II is the adult-onset type. A lot of diabetics out there are still resistant to monitoring, to discipline and to medication. It is our hope that Gary will serve as a role model to encourage others to excel and triumph over adversity," says Angeli.

"Gary struggles with his diabetes daily and then but he has been extremely disciplined which has led to a healthier body for him. He needs to share his secrets with others so they too could learn from his mistakes and draw from his experiences."

Gary's illness is no hindrance to his sharing his music, inspiring us with his performances. Many hearts have been touched and lives changed because of his entrancing voice and soulful songs. An accomplished and successful artist, Gary has a zest for life. Despite his affliction, he lives by faith.

"Actually, diabetes can be emotionally frustrating," reveals Gary. "I inject about 50 units of insulin daily, two or three times a day. I stay away from high-calorie fatty foods and check my sugar level at least thrice a day. Exercise is important so I play basketball, golf, bowling and workout in the gym.. I take in herbal supplements like ABS Herbs which detoxifies my body and cleanses my body of toxic deposits. ABS Herbs also helps reduce my blood sugar levels and restores pancreas function."

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As someone married to a diabetic, Angeli relates having had to study the disease. "To understand how to help Gary manage his diabetes, I had to buy books and had to learn about diabetes through research. I also interview doctors whenever I can. A diabetic's family must live with the disease as if they, too, have it, so they eat the same food. They learn to sacrifice so as not to tempt the patient and the diabetic will not suffer from rejection," she says.

"Diabetics should never be alone," says Gary, recalling the number of times he almost lapsed into a diabetic coma. He has had many attacks on the road because many promoters or concert organizers do not realize how serious diabetes is. But, despite his struggles with diabetes, Gary has never cancelled a performance. "Short breaks are necessary though so I can check on my blood sugar levels during the concert."

On coping with her husband's disease, Angeli has this to say, "Very few understand that Gary is a living miracle that has required a lot of hard work, discipline, patience, perseverance, daily monitoring, and most important, faith and prayer. I believe all these have strengthened me mentally and spiritually. It is so difficult but I believe that God is the master Healer. Diabetes is a disease but God who said, 'I am the God that Healeth thee', is the best doctor. The Word says: 'By His wounds we are healed'. I await the day that the doctor will tell me: 'Angeli, believe it or not Gary is healed.' And watch out diabetes because I will believe."

Gary's message for diabetics and non-diabetics is the same, "Watch your diet, exercise, pray and value life. Live life to the fullest in God's way. Being healthy is a lifestyle."

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### Gary Valenciano, one of the country's ace recording artists

and top performer combats his diabetes through a daily personal medical regimen. Gary believes that whether you are a diabetic or not, a healthy lifestyle is the better lifestyle. Gary also believes that ABS Herbs is an effective herbal dietary supplement for his diabetes and body toxins. As part of his advocacy for a better lifestyle and as a role model for other diabetics, Gary agreed to be the main endorser of ABS Herbs.

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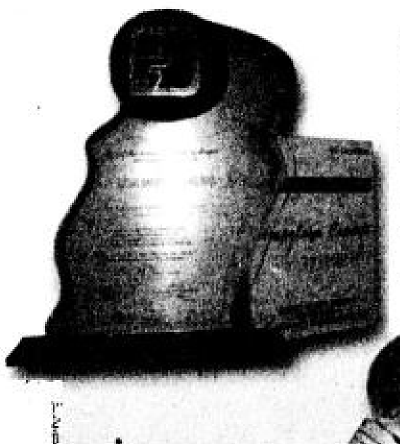

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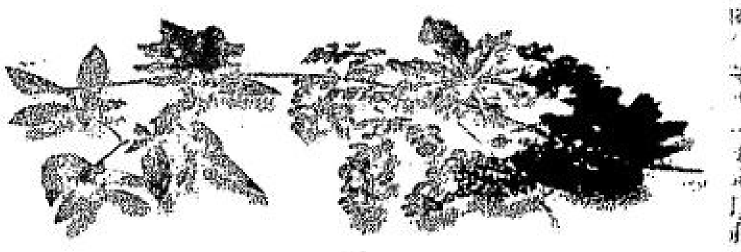

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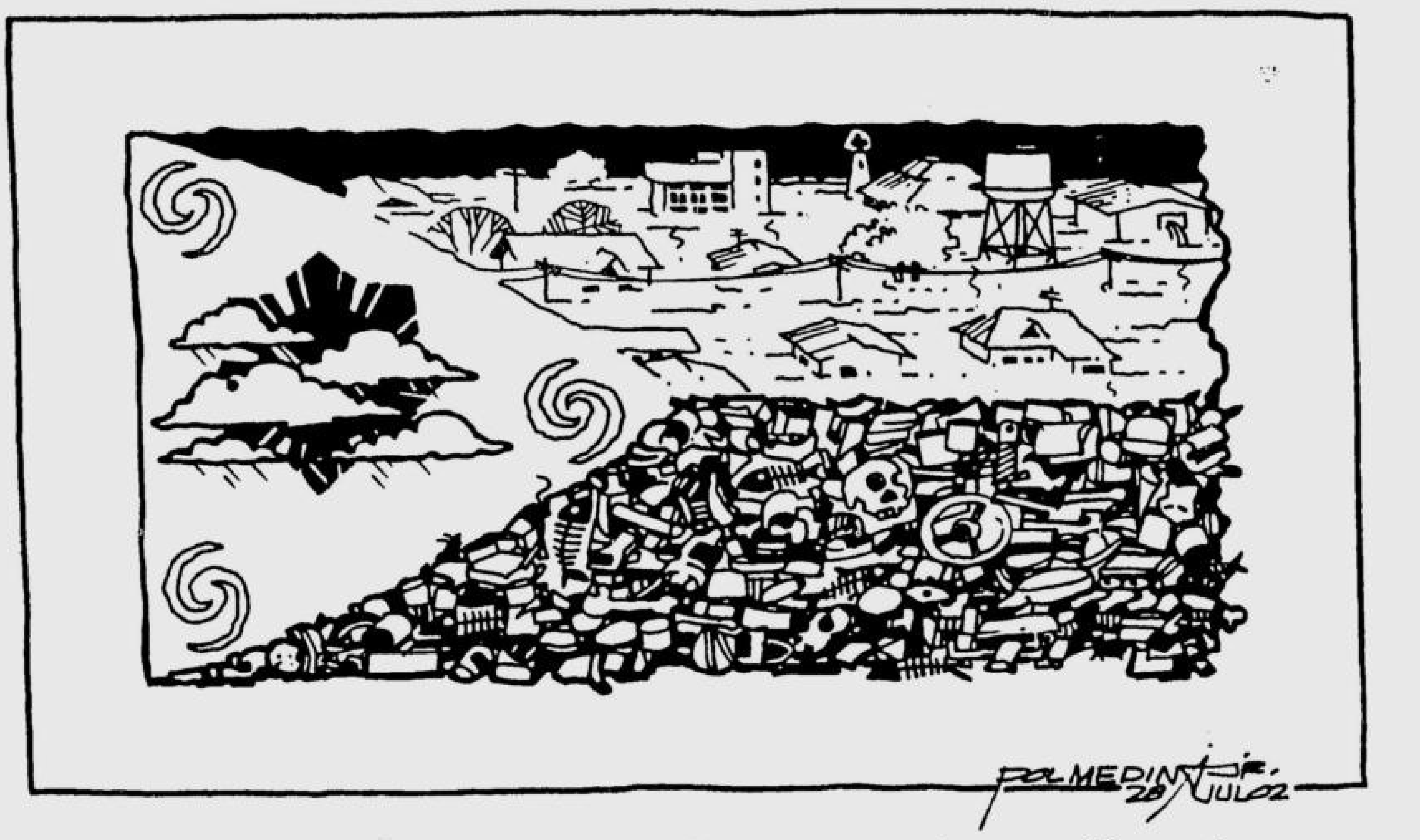

# The wrong man

**EDITORIAL**

NOT even diplomatic niceties can hide the obvious: President Macapagal-Arroyo's appointment of Sen. Blas Ople as the country's new foreign secretary is a mistake, because Ople is the wrong man for the job. To make matters worse, the President's decision provides the clearest proof yet that she is willing to sacrifice national interest for political gain.

Let us approach the issue from a starting point that is beyond dispute: There is no compelling reason for Ople to serve the country as chief of the Department of Foreign Affairs. None at all.

Others similarly or even better qualified can serve in the premier Cabinet post with distinction. If pro-American leanings at a time when the country is an eager partner in the US-led international war on terror are a qualification, then there is no shortage of candidates either. If reputation in diplomatic circles or wide international connections are requirements, there are other Filipinos who can print out equally impressive curriculum vitae. And if guaranteed confirmation by the Commission on Appointments is the essential condition, there are other incumbent or former legislators who are also certain to enjoy the commission's confidence.

So Ople doesn't necessarily need to lead the DFA at this time; he is not the foreign service equivalent of Ramon Magsaysay, the only man President Elpidio Quirino could have appointed defense secretary at a time when the Huks were gathering outside the gates of Manila.

All right, Ople may not be the only man for the job. Does that necessarily mean he is the wrong one? No. He is the wrong choice for at least two reasons. He is not the best person to represent the President and her administration in the international community. And his appointment sends the wrong signal to career officials in the DFA.

In the impeachment crisis of late 2000 and early 2001, not a word was heard from Ople. To appropriate the language he is inordinately fond of using, his silence on a national issue of historic import was deafening. But his decision to keep the second Jose Velarde envelope unopened spoke volumes. This much we all already know: His vote helped create the public outrage that eventually became People Power II. How can he now presume to speak in the world's councils on behalf of a people he had not served well?

He has been chair of the Senate foreign relations committee for a long time. For many public servants, this is honor enough, but apparently not for Ople. Now he would like the opportunity to help shape the country's foreign policy from the executive side of the constitutional divide. His decision cannot but prove demoralizing for career foreign service officers, who cannot play the revolving-door game as elected officials do.

Where does all this lead us? To a political dead end. The President's naming of Ople to replace Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr. at the DFA cannot be justified except on partisan grounds. Simply put, she wants to strengthen the administration majority in the Senate by naming an opposition member to her Cabinet.

We find this a worrying development, not because she is raiding the ranks of the opposition, but because she has recruited this particular member of the opposition. The timing is also of concern, because Ople's appointment comes on the heels of the President's declaration that she is the President of both "Edsa II and Edsa III." The declaration may have been well-intentioned (she must have wanted to project an image of inclusion), but it was also grossly mistaken.

The roots of the Macapagal administration lie in the events that led to Edsa II. To be more precise, Ms Macapagal's mandate to serve the remainder of deposed President Joseph Estrada's term rests largely on the essentially moral event that was People Power II.

The siege of Malacañang on May 1, 2001 may have shaken the Palace to its foundations, but it was not the defining event of the Macapagal administration. If Ms Macapagal wants to be President of both Edsas, she can run for office in 2004 and seek a mandate on her own terms. Before then, she is merely the steward of people power.

It is in this light that we see Ople as the wrong man for the job. His appointment is nothing less than a repudiation of Edsa II.

# Outstanding debts of outstanding officials

**SEPARATE OPINION**

*Isagani A. Cruz*

NOT being a basketball enthusiast, I was not thrilled when Sen. Robert Jaworski leaped last week with his usual athletic agility from the erstwhile "new majority" in his chamber to the camp of the administration senators. That move debunked Sen. Edgardo Angara's assurance that his group, which he naively believed still included Jaworski, was "solid as a rock." It turned out to be as hollow as a broken drum.

As expected, Jaworski's apostasy was described by the administration as "statesmanlike" and "patriotic." The description was preposterous. Such adjectives do not become the man who is more familiarly described as "rough" and "rowdy" for his exploits on the basketball court. He is not as outstanding on the Senate floor.

As a legislator, he has not distinguished himself for the depth of his intellect, his concern for the public interest, and his flair in debate and public speaking. Even his phonics is defective. In fact, he is one of the members of the Senate who have lowered its quality from the honorable days when it was graced by worthier members.

The Drilon group is, of course, happy to welcome him; after all, as the practical Eulogio Rodriguez Sr. put it, "politics is addition." The old warrior might have hesitated a bit, though, because of this recruit's lack of any appreciable legislative achievement. His political antecedents are also suspect. One of the Craven Eleven who doggedly supported Estrada during the impeachment trial, Jaworski is now on the other side.

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has finally admitted her long denied role in Jaworski's desertion of his former comrades in the opposition. Everyone knows her not so covert attempts to win over some of the Angara senators while paying lip service to the separation of powers. She has certainly learned much from her sire about the art of raiding the enemy.

In 1961, the people elected Diosdado Macapagal president but with a Nacionalista-dominated Congress to check him. Soon enough, 25 NP members joined the Liberal Party to form an Allied Majority that the Supreme Court dismissed, in Cunanan v. Tan, 5 SCRA 1, as a merely temporary realignment. That difficulty was easily repaired, however. Some of the NP defectors simply affiliated formally with the Liberal Party to give it control of the disarmed House of Representatives.

Ms Gloria has done her own thing in emulation of her wily father. She has also interfered in the internal affairs of the Senate, using the perquisites of her office to mock the independence of that body. One of these is the employment of government lending institutions as a sword of Damocles over delinquent borrowers from the opposition. Jaworski has vehemently denied any such intimidation, but that should not be the end of the speculation.

It would be useful to know how many of our public officials are indebted to government lending institutions and the amount and status of their obligations. The lenient treatment of their outstanding debts as orchestrated by Malacañang could greatly influence their official acts. Ordinary debtors may not expect tolerant extensions of their loan payments, but members of Congress and the Cabinet are not ordinary debtors.

For all we know, there are scores of them who are not even paying interest on their long overdue accounts while Malacañang looks the other way. The simple trick is being in the good graces of the administration.

In Valmonte v. Belmonte, 170 SCRA 256, the petitioner filed suit to compel the GSIS to release information concerning reports that it had illegally given "clean loans" to some members of the Batasang Pambansa through the intercession of Imelda Marcos. Noting that the funds of the GSIS were public in nature and the alleged beneficiaries were public officials, the Supreme Court granted the petition in accordance with Art. III, Sec. 7 of the Constitution reading as follows:

"The right of the people to information on matters of public concern shall be recognized. Access to official records, and to documents and papers pertaining to official acts, transactions or decisions, as well as to government research date used as basis for policy development, shall be accorded the citizen, subject to such limitations as may be provided by law."

That right was also affirmed in Legaspi v. Civil Service Commission, 150 SCRA 530, to question the qualifications of certain appointive civil servants, and more recently, Chavez v. PCGG, 299 SCRA 744, concerning secret negotiations for a compromise agreement between the respondent and the Marcos heirs.

Examination of the outstanding loans of public officials from government lending institutions could expose many cans of worms fattening on public funds. At the very least, it could reveal the identities of privileged individuals, especially those in the government service, who are living it up at the expense of the public. Principles are easily surrendered in exchange for the condonation of debts in the hundreds of millions of pesos belonging to the people.

# Real treasure

**MOMENTS**

*Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD*

AN OLD man lay dying. In between his labored breathing, he would call out the names of his loved ones. One by one they came to his side to whisper a tearful goodbye. Finally, when he finished his roll-call, he opened his eyes, looked at all the people gathered around his death bed and shouted: "My gosh! You are all here! Who is minding the store below?"

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**The story of the dying man, who was so attached to his worldly treasures up to his last breath, is a good reminder for all of us who value worldly riches over the Kingdom of God. So engrossed in our earthly pursuit for money, fame, position and power, we often put spiritual matters in the background or in the periphery. Check your values and priorities in life today. Is the Kingdom of God, and the salvation of your soul on your list at all?**

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The search for a "treasure buried in the field" and for a "pearl of great price" (Mt. 13, 44-52) has led many a soul go astray. How many persons, how many homes, how many relationships have been shattered because of money and greed? How many people have sold their principles, their bodies and their very souls for money? Ask yourself for once: All this effort, all this frenzy in search of money and more money, where has it brought me? Where is it leading me? Is it really worth it all?

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**If we neglect the spiritual in our search for the material, we end up with what Gandhi calls "sins of the world": wealth without work; knowledge without character; science without humanity; worship without sacrifice; politics without principles.**

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I have very many happy memories of my childhood days in the province. The world was one big playground. Every new day was full of surprises and excitement. We had no money and no expensive toys, but we had our imagination and we had Mother Nature. Simple moments, simple dreams and simple joys.

But life is not one endless summer. We grow up. We become adults. We have tasks. We have responsibilities. And we have to act like adults and say goodbye to our childlike ways. Right? Wrong. There will always be that little child in each one of us, waiting to be set free from prisons we built as adults.

Let not worldly cares kill the simple, innocent, pure child within us. Go back to your childhood values and dreams. If what mattered then—family, friendship, values, honesty, laughter, God—do not matter to you now, then something has gone really wrong in your life.

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**The Gospel speaks of final selection and separation of who is good and who is bad. Before that, let us all do our homework of separating what is good and what is bad within each one of us, with the purpose of selecting and deciding for the good. For example, money in itself is not bad, but how we acquire it and how we use it can make it good or bad. We have said it before and we say it again: Use your money for your salvation, not for your damnation. Do not become a slave to money. Do not become a prisoner of money. Do not become a victim of money.**

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Here is the prayer of Padre Pio, a man who has found his peace in his only treasure, his Tanging Yaman, the Lord:

### Prayer of Padre Pio

*Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget you.*

*You know how easily I abandon you.*

*Stay with me, Lord because I am weak and I need Your strength that I may not fall so often.*

*Stay with me Lord, for You are my life, and without you, I am without fervor.*

*Stay with me, Lord, for you are my light, and without You, I am in darkness.*

*Stay with me, Lord, to show me your will.*

*Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow you.*

*Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You very much, and always be in Your company.*

*Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I want it to be a place of consolation for You, a nest of love.*

*Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late and the day is coming to a close, and life passes, death, judgment, eternity approaches.*

*It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way and for that, I need You.*

*It is getting late and death approaches. I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows.*

*O how I need my Jesus in the night of exile.*

*Stay with me tonight, Jesus. In life, with all its dangers, I need You.*

*Let me recognize You as Your disciples did at the breaking of the bread, so that Eucharistic Communion will be the light which disperses the darkness, the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.*

*Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death, I want to remain united to You, if not by communion, at least by grace and love.*

*Stay with me, Jesus. I do not ask for divine consolation, because I do not merit it, but the gift of Your presence. Oh yes, I ask this of You!*

*Stay with me, Lord, for it is You alone I look for—Your love, Your grace, Your will, Your heart, Your spirit—because I love You and ask no other reward but to love You more and more.*

*With a firm love, I will love You with all my heart on earth and continue to love You perfectly during all eternity. Amen.*

# Global Asia

## COMMENTARY

*Belinda A. Aquino*

KUALA LUMPUR—When I started to teach a course on Southeast Asian politics some 25 years ago, the only video I could find on Malaysia portrayed it as a sleepy backwater territory with lots of swampy areas and urban blight. And Kuala Lumpur was a muddy confluence of the Klang and Gombok rivers. In fact, Kuala Lumpur literally means "muddy confluence." It was part of the group of nations we called the Third World.

Today Malaysia, especially KL as it is popularly called, is a thoroughly modern, vibrant, bustling and prosperous country gleaming with steel and touches of Arabian Nights. You cannot but be impressed, especially when you begin to compare what you're seeing with Manila and how we've been left behind so much by our neighbors like Malaysia. Its airport is more state-of-the-art and developed than many of those in the West. Without the Selamat Datang signs, you'd think you were in Berlin or Munich.

Though it now takes a full hour to reach downtown, compared to just several minutes in earlier times when the international airport was in its old location, it's worth the trip. The roads are in excellent condition, winding through seemingly endless miles of palm oil trees, not lined with makeshift *barong-barong* shacks and potholes as in you know where. How the infrastructure is maintained so efficiently is the first thing that a traveler notices. Getting around is a breeze, a condition that gives tourism a definite appeal.

KL's skyline is visible even from afar and boasts of the world's tallest structures. It is dominated by the fabled Petronas Twin Towers whose steeples make them easily the tallest buildings in the world. The view of the whole city is even more impressive from the vantage point of the sky bridge connecting the two towers. The only drawback is that you have to line up for the free tickets early in the morning and return in the afternoon when the sky bridge is open. Also, as KL continues to outdo itself with all these futuristic buildings sprouting like mushrooms, it risks losing that old-world charm, that pre-war quaintness the city once had.

As you marvel at the phenomenal development that Malaysia has achieved, you begin to ask what did it. The answer is not hard to find: Prime Minister Mahathir, who has announced his resignation effective next year after 21 years in power. Even those who have charged his administration with "crony capitalism" and ruling with an iron hand grudgingly admit that he is to be credited with spearheading the dramatic transformation of Malaysia from the boondocks to what we can now call Global Asia, or First-World Asia, if you will.

Interestingly, Mahathir is an avowed critic of the West and globalization, which he calls an "anarchic" system that exploits weaker economies. Following the 1997 Asian financial crisis, he introduced controversial currency measures designed to defeat speculators, whom he identified as representing Western interests. Throughout his tenure, according to writer Julia Yeow, Mahathir succeeded in fostering a sense of national identity in multiracial Malaysia, gave it a voice in the world and presided over dramatic growth which transformed the nation from a commodities-based economy into a manufacturing center. And, of course, he embarked on an ambitious program of infrastructure development—buildings, roads, ports, airports, the "Multimedia Super Corridor," and the new administrative center complex known as "Putrajaya." The latest construction project—the Islamic Arts Center—is described by Simon Elegant of Time Asia as an "Arabian Gem replete with white marble, rippling fountains and sky-blue onion-shaped domes in the middle of Malaysia's tropical capital." The $27 million Center, however, has been criticized as another product of Mahathir's "crony capitalism" propensity, this time favoring businessman Syed Mokhtar al-Bukhary, who has become a leading tycoon on account of his friendship with the prime minister.

Nevertheless, Mahathir's supporters argue, his economic drive has led the country out of stagnation. Malaysia's GDP is expected to grow at a healthy 6 percent in 2002.

For all the success that can be attributed to Mahathir, he has some doubts about the success of his "bumiputra" policy, which has sought to create a "new Malay" fit to tackle the modern world and compete on equal terms with the ethnic Chinese. Yeow reports that after 21 years in power, Mahathir admits his failure to change the "mind-set of Malay Muslims." He has been critical of the Malay community for being complacent and lazy, even ungrateful, which is somewhat disconcerting, considering it is his own people he is talking about.

Still, his role in developing political stability and economic prosperity in this once backwater country cannot be denied. And the fact that he isn't clinging to power like Suharto and Marcos did is something he can leave as his legacy. This legacy will be enhanced by a smooth and peaceful political succession.

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# A better 'brand' of soap

## AT LARGE

*Rina Jimenez-David*

BOTH major TV stations now devote a big chunk of their primetime fare to soap operas. From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., I can bet that the majority of Filipino households are riveted to the twists and turns in the lives of soap opera characters, fascinated by the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune that beset the likes of Yna and Angelo, Amor Powers and Madame Claudia, Patricia and Jordan, Cecilia and Olga, and the governor and his three families.

Sure, through the years, the Philippine TV-viewing population has been fixated on one dominant soap or another. But never has the onslaught reached these proportions. I think it's safe to say that the greater part of the production budget of both major networks is now spent on soap operas, especially with the competition heating up a few degrees with the introduction of the so-called "cinenovela."

As evidence of the longevity of soaps, there is a small barangay of actors who have made a name for themselves portraying "heavies" in the soaps, from hit men to henchmen, scheming lackeys to evil stepmothers and grandmothers. As a testament to their durability, these resident villains are all over the current crop of soaps.

The shelf life of soap heroes and heroines, however, seems remarkably shorter. Only Judy Ann Santos, dubbed rightly enough the "soap opera princess," seems able to survive the demise of one soap without too much career damage, emerging in yet another sudsy drama as yet another young woman bearing the weight of the world on her frail shoulders.

But nothing speaks better of how soap operas have come to dominate the entertainment firmament than the migration of major movie stars to these "small" TV dramas. Once shunned because they tied down an actor to a daily taping schedule, and to a character whose development lurched from one disjointed episode to another, the soap operas are now the playing field of even respected performers.

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**ALL OF the above is just my way of justifying yet another column on soaps. Because like it or not, soap operas are now a major cultural force. For the 90 percent or so of the population who own at least one TV set, and the 70 percent or so of them who depend on both major networks for their primetime fare, soap operas are now the major component of their daily entertainment diet.**

**Depressing or not, this is a reality. And we ignore soap operas—their impact, their role in the shaping of values and their potential for social good—at our own risk.**

**Let's accentuate the positive first. How can local soap operas be made better?**

**Evelyn Opilas, spokesperson of the Filipino Journalists' Alliance of Australia, writes to share some insights gleaned from watching local TV soaps during a visit here and, I gather, from years of devotion to the Aussie variety.**

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"EACH time I visit Manila, afternoon soaps seem to put our household on standstill. I can hardly get anything done, much less carry on a conversation with my relos (Australian slang for relatives)," observes Opilas.

"And having watched an episode or two of Philippine soaps, the subliminal messages they carry could be cause for worry, not only as immediate viewing but also for their long-term effect on the viewers' minds, particularly those of the young and impressionable."

Opilas warns: "Like it or not, the subliminal messages promoted in Philippine soaps eventually become part and parcel of common thinking. *Nakakainis na*, particularly for people like me who live overseas and who are exposed to another brand of soap. Sometimes when we return home to, say, Manila, we find many aspects of life imitating soap."

She cites, by way of providing an alternative scenario, Australian soap operas, such as "Neighbours," "Home and Away," and "A Country Practice," that "regularly promote so-called Australian values. Though mainstream and most times in denial of the country's multicultural mix, Australian soaps carry messages for survival (about two-thirds of Australia is uninhabitable and non-arable, the bush terrain is harsh and deadly crawlers abound, e.g., red back and funnel web spiders, venomous snakes and centipedes)..."

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**OPILAS cites some of these messages carried in the better soaps:**

- **The importance of health and safety measures such as knowledge of first aid, observance of occupational health and safety, the role of state emergency services, triple O procedures (triple O is equivalent to the US emergency hotline 911).**
- **The valuable role of women in urban and in outback farming communities.**
- **Respect for human beings especially women and children, the environment and animal welfare.**
- **Freedom of speech (your economic lot should not be a barrier to expressing your opinion).**
- **Crime may initially pay but the law will catch up with you sooner or later whatever your status in life.**
- **Ask for help; neighbors can become good friends.**
- **Personal responsibility and accountability; stop the blame game.**
- **Australia is a beautiful place.**

**"Australian soaps steer clear of no-no topics (as in normal conversation with strangers) such as politics, religion and sexual preferences," Opilas notes, "although citizen's rights are often explored and defended."**

**"What I am saying is that if the nation's soap reflects the *'ang bayang api'* or *'mga taong inaapi'* mentality, how pray tell can you empower the people?" wonders Opilas. "Such a sorry lot would be subconsciously ingrained in the national psyche to the disadvantage of the Filipino people."**

*(Next: What's wrong with soaps and how they affect values)*

# Deconstructing the 'strong republic'

## PUBLIC LIVES

*Randy David*

SOME say that we should not take State of the Nation Addresses (Sonas) too seriously; they are just words. We should look instead at the actual impact of government on the lives of the governed. Are the masses less hungry? Do they have jobs? Are they more hopeful about the future?

That is a valid reminder. But we should also be interested in the way a government represents its goals. For this we turn to the annual Sona. Here we get a glimpse of its self-understanding and its illusions, its dilemmas and its inclinations.

This year's Sona sums up the goals of the Macapagal presidency into a call to build "a strong republic." Why "republic," and not nation, or people? The term "republic" refers to a specific form of government, and is often equated with the presidential form. Strengthening the republic could be taken as closing the door to constitutional change. In contrast, the strengthening of a "nation" or "people" expresses a firmer commitment to democracy or the elimination of mass poverty, while keeping an open mind about the form of government.

The studious avoidance of concepts like "strong state" or "strong government" is obvious, even if, in fact, they capture more precisely the nuances of the President's message. We know that such terms are often used as euphemisms for authoritarian regimes. But the preference for "strong republic" over the relatively more open-ended "strong nation" and "strong people" suggests a commitment to conservative rule that seems inconsistent with the experimental reformism of Edsa II.

Let's examine this vision as the President describes it:

"Two essential features mark out a strong republic. The first is independence from class and sectoral interests so that it stands for the interests of the people rather than of a powerful minority. The second is the capacity, represented through strong institutions and a strong bureaucracy, to execute good policy and deliver essential services—the things that only governments can do.

"The results of these two features—good policies and empowered institutions—is faster economic development and social reform. A strong republic takes care of the people and takes care of their future. Thus, a strong republic is the bedrock of the victory we seek over poverty within the decade."

The President (or her speechwriter) is clearly aware of the standard meaning of the concept of republic: supreme power resides in the people and is exercised by the representatives they elect, who remain accountable to them. She underscores the need for the government to be "independent from class and sectoral interests," a phrase that echoes the progressive republican Samuel Bowles' objection to "the unceasing effort of incorporated and syndicated wealth to conduct national affairs at the expense of the great body of the people." Yet, in the context of our times, she may well be referring to civil society groups, the sector that made it possible for her to become President but is now largely critical of her.

If the President were faithful to the core meaning of the word "republic," one imagines her first concern might have been to ensure that the voice of the people is correctly recorded during elections, and that they are able to continue holding accountable those who make decisions in their name. But this is not in the agenda of the President. She mentions the word "republic" 27 times, but is totally silent about the need to plug the loopholes in our electoral system, defects that have made it easy to thwart the will of the people. Neither does "civil society" figure anywhere in this year's Sona, except as an angry force battling with the police as the President spoke.

Clearly what President Macapagal has in mind is a strong state. This is what the curious phrase "empowered institutions" implies. In a democracy, power resides in the people. Institutions are the tools of this power. We want our institutions to be functional and stable, but it is either senseless or dangerous for us to call for their empowerment. Senseless because institutions are already authorized by the state, and dangerous if by this we mean vesting them with immunity from public scrutiny and accountability. Institutional power comes from the people, even if many a time, adventurous wielders of state power have tried to reverse this relationship.

Like a head of state impatient for results, President Macapagal stresses the need for the government to have the capacity to "execute good policy and deliver essential services." This sounds too much like a plea to be spared the rigors of political debate. Not too long ago, Marcos used the same reasoning to justify authoritarian rule.

By coincidence, the 2002 Global Human Development Report, titled "Deepening democracy in a fragmented world," was launched last week in Malacañang itself. Its opening statement has these words: "Politics matter for human development because people everywhere want to be free to determine their destinies, express their views and participate in the decisions that shape their lives. These capabilities are just as important for human development—for expanding people's choices—as being able to read or enjoy good health."

These are the sentiments of Edsa II but they are nowhere to be found in GMA's Sona II.

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My new book, "Nation, Self and Citizenship," compiles some of the more sociological of my columns and is organized as an introduction to Filipino sociology. I am inviting friends and readers to its launch tomorrow, July 29, at 4 p.m., at the Balay Kalinaw, UP Diliman campus.

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# Lawyer for the poor and big business

## COMMENTARY

*Raul J. Palabrica*

FOR REPRESENTING public utility giant Manila Electric Co. in its petition for a rate increase, former Sen. Wigberto "Bobby" Tañada has earned the ire of his colleagues in cause-oriented organizations.

The name "Tañada" evokes memories of his illustrious father, Lorenzo, who served with distinction in the pre-martial law Senate. He was a nationalist par excellence whose public service record compares with such Filipino greats as Claro M. Recto and Jose P. Laurel.

The younger Tañada has proven to be a chip off the old block. He actively participates in the efforts of militant groups to improve the living conditions of the poor and underprivileged members of our society. The bills he filed in Congress, where he served as congressman and senator, reflected that concern.

Tañada's most recent cause-oriented action was his involvement in protests against the joint war exercises between Philippine and American forces in Basilan. His move is consistent with his record as one of the 12 senators who voted for the removal of US military bases from the country in 1991.

So why is Tañada now on the side of Big Business, the traditional enemy of militant organizations? Has he gone the way of student and labor leaders who, after getting a taste of the corporate life, developed amnesia about the principles they once vigorously fought for in exchange for the comforts that Big Business can provide?

As expected, Tañada's "loyalty shift" did not sit well with Party-List Representatives Satur Ocampo and Loretta Ann Rosales. They could only shake their heads in disbelief over the action taken by their erstwhile (?) comrade in arms.

### Explanation

Tañada's, explanation for taking on Meralco's case is vintage legalese. He believes his client is entitled to the 30-centavo per kWh increase, its first since it was granted an adjustment by the Energy Regulatory Board in 1994.

He was silent though about the circumstances behind the Lopez-controlled company's decision not to engage the services of its retained counsel to handle the rate petition, and instead hire him, a known critic of government and Big Business, to take up the cudgels for it in the case.

Apparently, Meralco thinks he is the right person for that delicate job in spite of his past track record on consumer protection advocacy. And because Tañada felt Meralco is entitled to the rate increase, he accepted its invitation to be its point man for the case.

Of course, Tañada will be paid for his services. How much Meralco will compensate him for his efforts is not known to the public. The confidentiality of the lawyer-client relationship is particularly strict with regard to attorney's fees.

In rate application cases, attorney's fees are computed either on "success basis" or hourly rate schedule. If the rates applied for are granted in their entirety or with minor changes, the successful lawyer gets a percentage of the expected benefits from the favorable decision.

On the other, hand, if the requested adjustment is turned down by the regulatory agency or, if granted, the approved rates are below a certain threshold, the not-so-successful lawyer will have to content himself with payment for the hours he spent handling the case.

### Professional work

Whatever his arrangements with Meralco may be, Tañada does not have to be defensive about his professional engagement. This was the image he projected to radio listeners when he was interviewed several days back about the rate adjustment petition.

He simply lived up to the oath he took when he joined the law profession. Meralco needed legal assistance for its rates petition. He was in a position to give the help needed so he agreed to be its lawyer. As we put it in the vernacular, *trabaho lang, walang personalan* (it's just work, nothing personal).

Whether or not the rate adjustment being sought by Meralco is justified is for the regulatory agency to decide. In the meantime, Tañada is entitled to the presumption that he took on the case in the sincere belief that his client has the right to increase the charges the public should pay for the use of its resources.

By defending that right, he has practically made himself persona non grata to his colleagues in the cause-oriented organizations. But since when have these groups agreed to an adjustment in the charges of any public utility corporation in this country?

The standards they have set in determining the reasonableness of those charges are simply unrealistic. They will not even be accepted by countries that operate under a state welfare system.

With the erstwhile allies in advocacy activities pitted against each other, it should not come as a surprise if the militant groups take a stronger and more vociferous stance in opposing Meralco's rate hike petition. An emotional side issue has crept into the case.

### Extra income

Tañada cannot be faulted for accepting Meralco's work offer. He may not be in the financial doghouse but he is not known to be oozing with money. Unlike some of his former Senate peers, there are no reports that he maintains fat accounts in US banks or is a silent partner in private companies that bid for lucrative contracts with the government.

It's only through the law profession that he can honestly earn his keep. While active participation in cause-oriented activities is admirable, it will not pay the rent for his law office and the salaries of his staff.

Money, not sentiments, is necessary to help illegally dismissed workers take back their lost jobs, or for victims of abusive government officials to get redress for their grievances, or for paupers to enjoy their share of justice in our judicial system.

Words of appreciation and occasional personal gifts from grateful clients are fine. But they are not sufficient to make a law office run efficiently and effectively. Sad, but true, the pursuit of justice carries a price tag.

So where will a law office that considers free legal services for the poor and underprivileged an important element of its practice get the wherewithal for its operation? Where else, but from the clients who can afford to pay? It's an application of the "Robin Hood principle'—stealing from the rich to help the poor.

Maintaining a mix of poor and rich clients has been the norm for lawyers who believe quality free legal assistance and a fulfilling law practice can go together. It's a "win-win" arrangement that benefits all the affected parties.

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## TALK of the TOWN

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# Should citizens arm themselves?

SONNY Parsons, actor and former councilor of Marikina, is the new "poster boy" of anti-crime groups.

His feat was extraordinary. He went after six men who just robbed his house, shot one dead and wounded another. When he ran out of bullets, he engaged a third robber in hand-to-hand combat, slitting his throat with a knife the actor had seized from the robber.

While the Marikina police were preparing homicide charges against Parsons, President Macapagal-Arroyo came to his defense. The President directed prosecutors not to proceed with the charges, saying that Parsons' decision to pursue and engage the robbers in a shootout was justified.

The robbery and shootout underscore rampant urban crime in the country. Instead of relying on the police for protection, a number of citizens are arming themselves against criminals. Guns may provide people some protection and save lives. They also deter crime some of the time. But making guns easily accessible to citizens may escalate violence as violence begets violence. One does not put out fire with fire.

## 'A responsible gun-owner is God-fearing'

**By Sonny Parsons**

*Former member of the singing group Hagibis*

GENERALLY speaking, only responsible people should arm themselves and they should always have their guns licensed. To me, a responsible gun owner is God-fearing and has respect for life and community. Education is not the main basis for owning a gun. You just need to be responsible enough. This can apply to anyone.

Laws on the ownership of guns have to be very strict because you have to remember that you are going to give someone the right to own a gun.

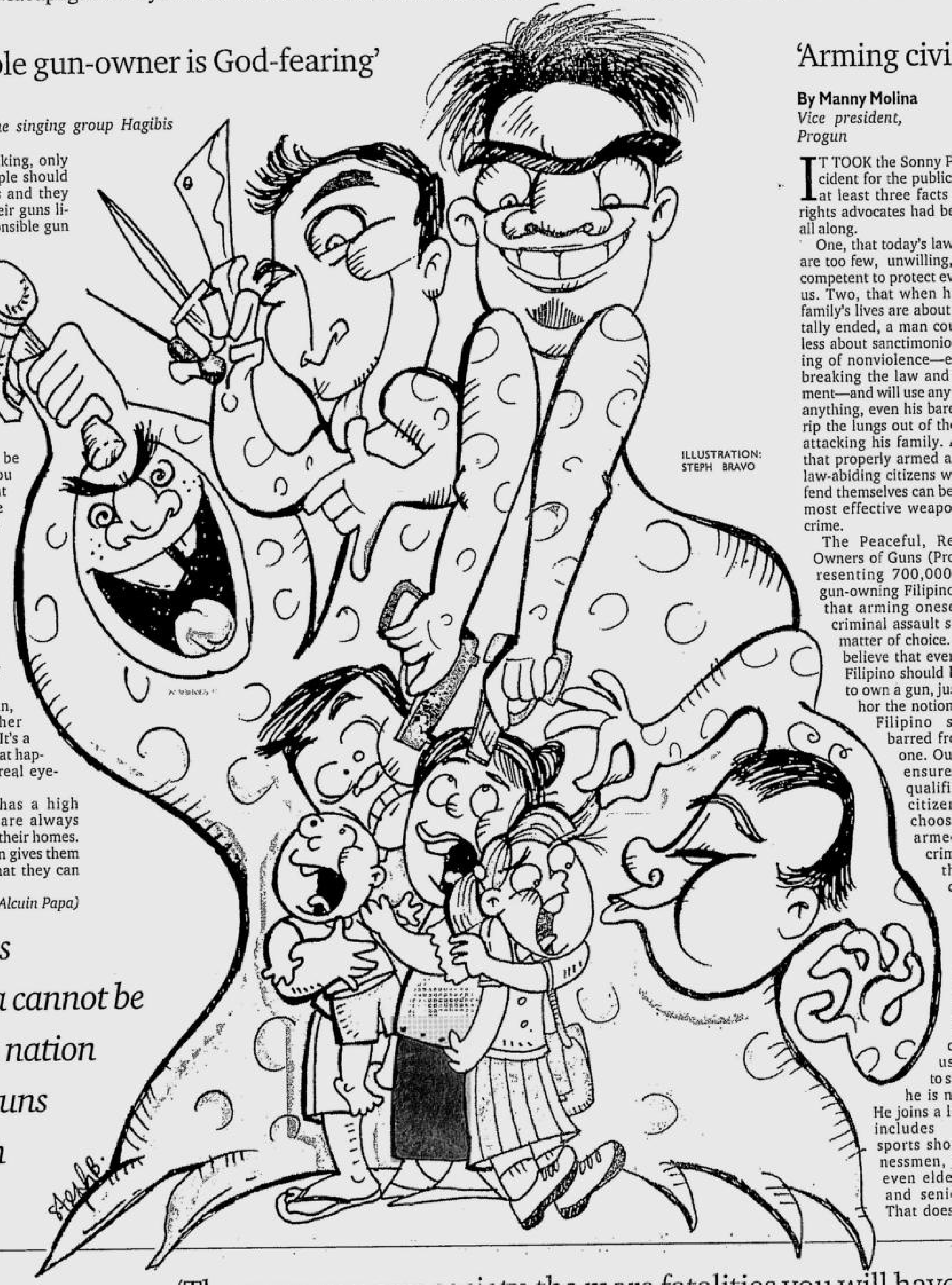
Strict laws on gun ownership are one way of detecting criminals because a majority of guns are loose. When a firearm is unlicensed, chances are it's in the hands of a criminal.

When you own a gun, there are many other things attached to it. It's a big responsibility. What happened to me was a real eye-opener.

The Philippines has a high crime rate. People are always afraid of going out of their homes. Owning a licensed gun gives them a little confidence that they can protect themselves.

*(Interview by Alcuin Papa)*

*The lessons of America cannot be ignored: a nation rife with guns is rife with violence*



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## 'Arming civilians will save lives'

**By Manny Molina**

*Vice president, Progun*

IT TOOK the Sonny Parsons incident for the public to realize at least three facts that gun-rights advocates had been saying all along.

One, that today's law enforcers are too few, unwilling, or too incompetent to protect every one of us. Two, that when his and his family's lives are about to be brutally ended, a man couldn't care less about sanctimonious preaching of nonviolence—even about breaking the law and imprisonment—and will use any gun, knife, anything, even his bare hands, to rip the lungs out of the monsters attacking his family. And three, that properly armed and trained law-abiding citizens who can defend themselves can be one of the most effective weapons against crime.

The Peaceful, Responsible Owners of Guns (Progun), representing 700,000 licensed, gun-owning Filipinos, believes that arming oneself against criminal assault should be a matter of choice. We do not believe that every qualified Filipino should be required to own a gun, just as we abhor the notion that every Filipino should be barred from owning one. Our goal is to ensure that any qualified Filipino citizen, who chooses to be armed against criminals, has the right to do so.

### Senior citizens

Actor Sonny Parsons is the most famous gun owner to date to have used his gun to save lives, but he is not the first. He joins a long list that includes champion sports shooters, businessmen, journalists, even elderly couples and senior citizens. That doesn't even include the unrecorded number of gun owners, including myself, who have used the mere presence of their guns to prevent criminal attack.

Will arming citizens work against crime? Those against it have never disputed its enormous deterrent effect. Nothing terrifies the criminal more than dying at the hands of his victim; nothing emboldens him more than knowing that his victim is unarmed. Prison, even the death penalty, do not deter hardened felons who believe they can escape the police. That they cannot escape a potential victim who may be armed—unless they don't commit the crime in the first place—is what scares them the most.

There is no guarantee that arming civilians will bring down the crime rate, just as there is none that says banning guns from civilians will. But allowing civilians to arm themselves will at least save the lives of those who deserve to live by taking the lives of those who deserve to die. An innocent person about to lose his life certainly has better moral justification to send a murderer to his death, than does a judge who stands to lose nothing at all. Even the death penalty cannot do much. It cannot restore the life of his victim.

### Myths

Do more guns mean more crime? Are armed citizens themselves a threat? Will we be like the Wild West? Police statistics on gun crimes have disproved these myths. But isn't it the government's job to protect us? Isn't it wrong to take the law into our hands? Allowing the arming of civilians will complement the government's duty to protect the people, not supplant it. The Constitution requires our citizens to assist the government when needed. And the concept of the right to armed self-defense is worlds away from that of vigilantism.

No less than Dr. Jose Rizal, the first Filipino "pro-gun" advocate, wrote extensively about the dangers of an unarmed citizenry. His warning to us is as timeless today as it was more than a hundred years ago:

*A mournful counselor is fear,*
*for it not only causes weakness,*
*but also in casting aside the weapons,*
*strengthens the very persecutor!*

## 'The more you arm society, the more fatalities you will have'

**By Nandy Pacheco**

*Founder and president, Gunless Society*

IT'S time for each and every one of us to work to change the culture of violence that has engulfed our country. It's time to turn the tide against gun culture.

A gun is made to kill and maim—not to prolong life or to improve the quality of life. Even the Stars and Stripes of the US Armed Forces, said, "The handgun has ten functions: to kill, to kill, to kill, to kill, to kill, to kill, to kill, to kill, to kill and to kill more."

Good men can become bad men especially when too drunk, too paranoid, too depressed, too jealous, etc. And when they have access to guns, human frailties can rapidly become tragedies. Can anyone guarantee that an individual, even after passing a neuro-psychiatric test, can continue to be fit to have access to guns? A gun is a tragedy waiting to happen.

Arming the law-abiding is no solution. Arm the people? Arm ourselves and become Wild, Wild East? God forbid! Violence begets more violence. Bearing arms is not a right but a wrong. The way we manage conflicts may well be the single most important activity in determining the quality of our lives.

### Madman's idea

Arming the people for self-defense can only be a madman's idea of a peaceful society. It's only the animals in the jungle that do so. They kill to survive only until they are killed themselves. In a society where everybody carries a gun in public, everyone is a potential killer.

The lessons of America cannot be ignored: a nation rife with guns is rife with violence.

Our sorry peace and order situation is due to the government's pro-gun sentiment, the government policy to promote gunocracy, the "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" policy, the behavior and lifestyle of most politicians, government officials and other VIPs, and the macho image deeply embedded in our culture, which is perpetuated by the movie industry and advertisers.

You may recall President Macapagal-Arroyo's photograph in the Nov. 3, 2001 issue of the INQUIRER, with the caption: "Top gun fires away. Taking time out from her family holiday in Baguio City, President Macapagal brushes up on her firing skills at the Philippine Military Academy." That photo speaks for itself and what is its moral message?

With the approval of the PNP and Mandaluyong City, gun shows of all kinds are held periodically on the 5th floor of the SM Megamall where there is also a chapel and the Blessed Sacrament nearby.

Despite the claim that the rules on guns such as the neuro-psychiatric test are strict, corruption exists in the matter of getting license to carry firearms. We don't deny that there are law-abiding citizens who go through the rigid procedures and sweat it out. But what about those who do not submit to the tests but pay their way? This is common knowledge.

### Fear

Pro-gun proponents say over and over again that they need "to protect themselves from criminals." Don't fall for this trap. The more you arm society the more fatalities you will have. The pro-gun argument prevents the introduction of crime-prevention measures, leads to more violence, and promotes the reign of fear.

The argument means that if gun is the problem, gun is the solution. One does not put out fire with fire. The pro-gun argument is selfish, un-Christian and anti-communitarian.

It does not promote the common good. It favors only gun manufacturers and dealers.

What can the government do to change the environment of violence and keep citizens and foreign residents safe from crime? One way is the passage of a total gun ban in public places except for the police, military and licensed private security guards, who are authorized, in uniform and on duty. Keeping of a licensed gun at home for protection or in a gun club may be allowed. Gun control is only one element in the package of policies necessary to reduce gun violence in the country.

We have been advocating the passage of a gun control bill for the past 12 years but to no avail. Gun control cannot pass because we have a pro-gun Congress and pro-gun Presidents except Corazon Aquino.

Other enemies of gun control are the criminals, the gun manufacturers and gun dealers, the machos, and the pro-gun lobby. But I must say, truly responsible gun owners support a total gun ban in public places.

The gun ban is in line with the saying "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." With the gun ban, the government removes the situation that gives rise to temptation or problem. Many gun-related deaths, and injuries over traffic and other incidents could have been avoided if the gun, whether licensed or not, or even if there is permit to carry, is not available.

If the government can be hard on drugs, why can't it be hard on guns? You cannot control crime unless you control the criminals, and to do this the government must control the guns. Without the gun, the criminal's capability is greatly diminished. Ensuring the removal of the means to kill and injure is one of the first principles taught in crime intervention.

### Control

Gun control isolates and easily identifies the outlaws and gun control violators, thus facilitating their apprehension and confiscation of their weapons. Concerned citizens can blow the whistle without fear that they are pointing at the wrong person. Says an ordinary police officer in uniform and on foot patrol: "Without the gun ban it is extremely difficult to distinguish criminals from the plainclothes or from those with 'permit to carry' or from bodyguards, because they are all in civilian clothes."

If we have a gun ban during the election period, why can't we have it throughout the year? We can make the gun ban more effective if there are no exemptions.

The gun ban helps you keep the Fifth Commandment: "You shall not kill." It prevents you from joining the criminal population.

We commissioned Pulse Asia to get the general public's views on gun control issues and other related matters. On a national basis, its findings covered the last quarter of the year 2000. Sixty-four percent agree that guns and their proliferation are a major cause of crime and violence in the country. Eighty-two percent are in favor of a policy of gun control. Seventy-nine percent believe that only law enforcers and licensed private security guards should carry firearms in public places.

We are not losing hope because in Christianity there is no room for despair. We will never have peace in this country for as long as our leaders follow "the ways of the world." Peace will come when we, the people, including our leaders, are converted into the ways of peace Christ gives based on love, justice, reconciliation, active nonviolence and progressive disarmament. "It's time to abandon the language of arms," says Pope John Paul II.

# Palestinian gunmen kill 4 Israelis

**ZIF JUNCTION, West Bank—Palestinian gunmen killed four people, including a Jewish settler couple and their child, in an attack on two Israeli vehicles at a road junction in the West Bank on Friday.**

The attack raised fears of a new surge of violence in the Middle East conflict after an Israeli air strike that killed 15 Palestinians in Gaza City on Tuesday, including nine children and a top militant, and drew vows of revenge from militant groups.

A police spokesman said the gunmen opened fire at the two vehicles at the Zif junction south of the West Bank city of Hebron shortly before the start of the Jewish Sabbath at sunset.

They fled in their car and the army launched a manhunt. The Islamic group Hamas has vowed to avenge the death of its military commander, Salah Shehada, in the missile strike with attacks deadlier than the suicide bombings which have already killed scores of Israelis in the Palestinian uprising.

Ambulance workers later mopped up blood from around the van and station-wagon whose windows had been shattered by bullets.

Israel radio said the gunmen had set up their ambush in the barren dunes by the road.

Three of the dead were in one vehicle. They were identified by Israeli television as a married couple and their child from the Psagot settlement near the city of Ramallah. They had been on their way to spend the Sabbath with friends in the area.

The identity of the fourth victim, who was in the other vehicle, was not immediately released. Three other people were wounded, the Magen David ambulance service said.

"Palestinian terror has zeroed on its preferred target—innocent Israeli civilians," David Baker, an official at Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's office. said. "This attack is proof that the Palestinian Authority is hooked on terror." There was no immediate comment by the Palestinians. But Abu Dhabi Television said it had received a claim of responsibility from al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, an armed group with links to Palestinian President Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement.

Gunmen have often attacked Jewish settlers in a Palestinian uprising for independence in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip which erupted in September 2000 after peace talks stalled.

At least 1,467 Palestinians and 564 Israelis have died in almost 23 months of violence.

The international community regards the settlements as illegal under international law. Israel disputes this.

Earlier on Friday, the Israeli army blew up buildings in Gaza City it said Palestinians had used as rockets factories. *Reuters*

# 70 killed, scores hurt in Ukraine air show crash

KIEV, Ukraine—A Su-27 fighter plane crashed into a huge crowd of spectators at an air show Saturday, killing at least 70 persons and injuring 111 others in the western Ukrainian city of Lviv, emergency officials said.

The two pilots ejected and survived, the Defense Ministry said, just before the aircraft crashed into the crowd of onlookers watching the show under clear skies at the Skniliv airdrome.

Most of the 111 injured were in critical condition, many hurt by plane fragments after the jet hit the ground and exploded, national television reported.

The plane was in the sky for about two minutes when it appeared to go silent, headed toward the ground and banked left, its wingtip clipping trees and touching another plane on the ground before crashing. The Defense Ministry declined to comment on the cause of the accident and refused to confirm an engine malfunction.

"I could only grab children and hold on. We were thrown away and hands and legs were flying all around us," said one spectator, Zinovy, who did not give his last name. He and his child injured their backs.

"The fire has been extinguished, but there's lots of blood," said Oleksandr Kachkovskyi, an aide to the head of the Lviv regional administration. The injured were taken to several hospitals, including a special children's clinic.

Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma cut short his vacation and immediately flew to Lviv, NTV television reported. Russian President Vladimir Putin sent his condolences to Kuchma, the presidential press office said in Moscow.

Kuchma also ordered the secretary of the Defense and Security Council, Yevhen Marchuk, to head for Lviv and lead the government commission investigating the case.

The plane was conducting complicated aerial maneuvers at the show, marking the 60th anniversary of a local air force unit.

The Su-27 has been in service since 1981. Its speed and maneuverability made it one of the key planes in the former Soviet air force, and it resembles the US F-15 Eagle fighter with two rear stabilizers and twin engines. The Su-27's Nato code name is "Flanker." *AP*

# Class suit filed vs McDonald's, 3 food chains

NEW YORK—A 5-foot-10-inch, 272-pound man has sued four major fast food chains, claiming they contributed to his obesity, heart disease and diabetes, his attorney said on Friday.

The class-action lawsuit, which was filed in the Bronx Supreme Court on July 24, is seeking undetermined compensatory damages against McDonald's , Wendy's , KFC Corporation, owned by Yum Brands Inc. , and Burger King, on behalf of 56-year-old maintenance worker, Caesar Barber and others.

The lawsuit, which estimates that millions of Americans could be included in the claim, also seeks to have the companies label individual products with fat, salt, cholesterol and other dietary content as well as to warn users of the health effects.

New York attorney Samuel Hirsch, who is representing Barber, said consumers were not getting adequate warning about foods that could cause obesity, diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and elevated cholesterol levels.

"Fast food chains failed to disclose the contents in terms of calories, fat grams and sodium. Even when posted, the information is not easily understandable to the public," said Hirsch.

A National Restaurant Association executive said the lawsuit "gives frivolous a bad name."

Hirsch, who accompanied his client on the MSNBC show, said they particularly wanted better labeling for the "real offenders—the Big Macs and Big Whoppers." Now, he said "you have to be a rocket scientist" to be able to read labels that he said were deliberately designed to be confusing. *Reuters*

## IF YOU WOULD ONLY BELIEVE

EFREN CAPULONG JR.

# A MIND OF HIS OWN

"May bago akong Honda City!" The words were spoken with a mixture of excitement and disbelief as Mr. Efren E. Capulong, Jr. announced to his wife the meat of a phone call he just received from Family First, saying he just won a brand new 1.3 GL MT Honda City!

Jun, as most of his friends call him, retraced his steps to a time last January when he was passing the time away at a Makati mall while waiting for his wife, Maritess, to leave her office. "I was invited to attend a presentation. Curious ako sa policy and how it works so I went along with the promo officer. Besides, nagpapalipas oras nga ako. I did not buy anything from them, admitting that I already have two policies, but I did get a free umbrella when the presentation was over."

Softspoken and mild-mannered, Jun is a 36-year-old man whose likes are simple but whose dreams for his family are grand. "Like most fathers, my life revolves around my family – Maritess and our three young boys aged 5 years, 4 years and 9 months. Lahat ng pwedeng ibigay sa kanila, pinagsisikapan ko."

Jun is a veteran of the food industry. He is employed in the project department of a company which supplies imported kitchen equipment to huge and famous food and pizza chains.

Recalling the presentation, Jun says he did not pin too much hope on the Reach For Your Dreams 3 Promo Raffle that the sales consultant said he could automatically join even if he did not buy a plan. "Because I believe more in action, not too much on luck."

Jun routinely wrote his name on the raffle coupon but totally forgot about it until he received that fateful call. "Iba rin pala ang feeling if Lady Luck smiles on you, nakaka-overwhelm" he says now.

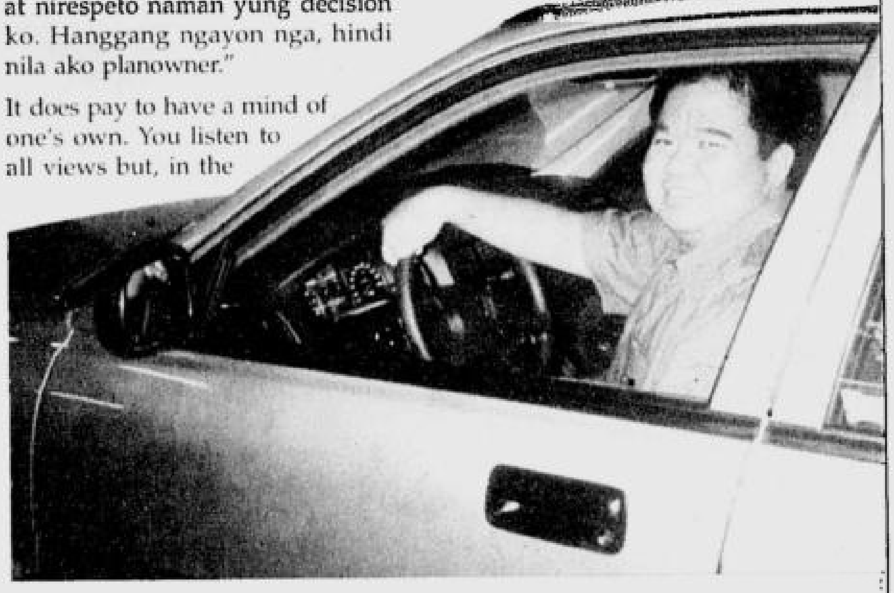
And as is common to any major prize winner, "Di talaga ako makapaniwala. Skepticism entered when my wife simply wouldn't believe. Hangga't di raw niya nakikita yung kotse..."

Jun asked around and the stories that he heard clouded his excitement with doubt even more. "I heard the usual friend-of-a-friend's cousin's sister's friend stories."

But conquer an unhealthy and growing cynicism Jun did. Last July 11, he dropped by the corporate headquarters of both Berkley International Plans and Family First at the Enterprise Center in Makati to claim his car. And he never regretted it.

It does pay to have a mind of one's own. You listen to all views but, in the end, you do what you believe in.

Had Jun closed his mind and believed all the hearsay, he would not be driving his new Honda City now. "Medyo non-traditional lang ang approach ng Family First sa mga nakasanayan na nating insurance o pre-need companies. I started to question what I heard when I realized they were all hearsay as compared to my experience with the company which was firsthand and personal. Ako mismo yon e, yung nag-attend ng presentation nila. Pleasant naman yung naging experience ko. Hindi naman ako pinilit at nirespeto naman yung decision ko. Hanggang ngayon nga, hindi nila ako planowner."



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Jun was even more elated when he learned that he could choose the car's color. "Ang maganda sa raffle na ito, pagkabunot sa pangalan ko sa harap ng DTI representatives, noon pa lang in order yung sasakyan. So, may personal touch ko na. Silver ang pinili ko. Excited na excited na nga yung panganay ko. Five years old pa lang siya pero naiintindihan na niya na may bago kaming car."

Luck does smile on some people. Imagine, from an umbrella to a brand new Honda City! Yet, the choice has always been Mr. Capulong's. Had he not gone to the presentation, he would not have been able to get an umbrella. Had he not believed the "no-obligation" raffle, he would not be driving his brand new Honda City now.

Though a simple man, Jun Capulong steers his own course and navigates his own route towards the realization of his dreams. Not bad for someone who simply trusted and believed. ■

Efren "Jun" Capulong, Jr. receives commemorative key from Family First EVP & GM Robb S. Paulsen and National Customer Service Manager Aurora Diño.

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# Suharto son Tommy begins jail term for murder

JAKARTA—The youngest son of former Indonesian dictator Suharto was Saturday beginning a 15-year prison term for masterminding the murder of a judge amid protests that his sentence failed to match the severity of his crimes.

Tommy Suharto's sentence—for four separate crimes—was "definitely too lenient," said noted legal analyst Hendardi of the Indonesian Legal Aid and Human Rights Association.

"Considering he faced four different charges, which include a contract murder, a defendant of a case with this magnitude should have got a minimum jail term of 20 years or a life sentence." Tommy was convicted of ordering the drive-by shooting of judge Syafiuddin Kartasasmita, who in September 2000 had ordered him jailed for 18 months for a corrupt land deal.

Syafiuddin was gunned down July of last year by two hitmen while driving to work. The two actual hitmen were in May jailed for life.

Hendardi said since the court found him guilty of ordering the judge's murder, the former millionaire playboy tycoon "should have been convicted to a life sentence" since both of his hitmen received a life sentence.

"In my view, the court's ruling was made because the judges were trying to save themselves from public pressure or pressure from Suharto's loyalists," he said.

Former attorney general Marzuki Darusman said the ruling gave a "public impression" that the judges spared Tommy from suffering the same fate of his men.

"The decision surprised a lot of people because the initial public expectation was that there would be a heavier sentence since during the course of the trial, witnesses have acknowledged that Tommy was the mastermind of the murder."

Darusman—who was the attorney general when Tommy fled his corruption jail sentence in 2000—added that the case could signal "the return of confidence on Indonesia's judicial system in a limited way." Tommy was also convicted of possessing two arms caches and explosives and of fleeing from justice.

The four month-long trial was seen by Indonesian media and foreign experts as a key test of Indonesia's corruption-prone legal system and its fledgling democracy.

During the autocratic rule of Suharto senior from 1966 to 1998, the rich and powerful enjoyed virtual immunity from the law. *AFP*

## Quadruplets to be raised by gay couple

WASHINGTON—Quadruplet infants born Friday in Lexington, Kentucky will be raised by a gay couple, US media reported.

The mother was impregnated by a Kentucky attorney who will raise the four babies—three boys and a girl—with his male domestic partner.

The biological father, Michael Meehan, 36, and his partner, Thomas Dysarz, 31, have decided to name the three boys Michael, Jacob and Tristan and the girl Taylor, Dysarz told the Lexington Herald-Leader.

"We were both there when the babies were born. They all look like Michael (their biological father), but especially when they held up (Tristan), the fourth baby, I said, 'There's little Michael,'" Dysarz said.

The four babies, born about nine weeks early, were all in good health Friday evening.

Officials from several groups interested in surrogacy or gay parenting say they know of no similar cases that have resulted in quadruplets. *AFP*

AP

**NEXT STOP: KASHMIR**
New recruits of Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry parade out of their military base on the outskirts of Srinagar, India, July 27. The 230 new cadets graduated from the military training academy and will take part in counter insurgency operations in Kashmir.

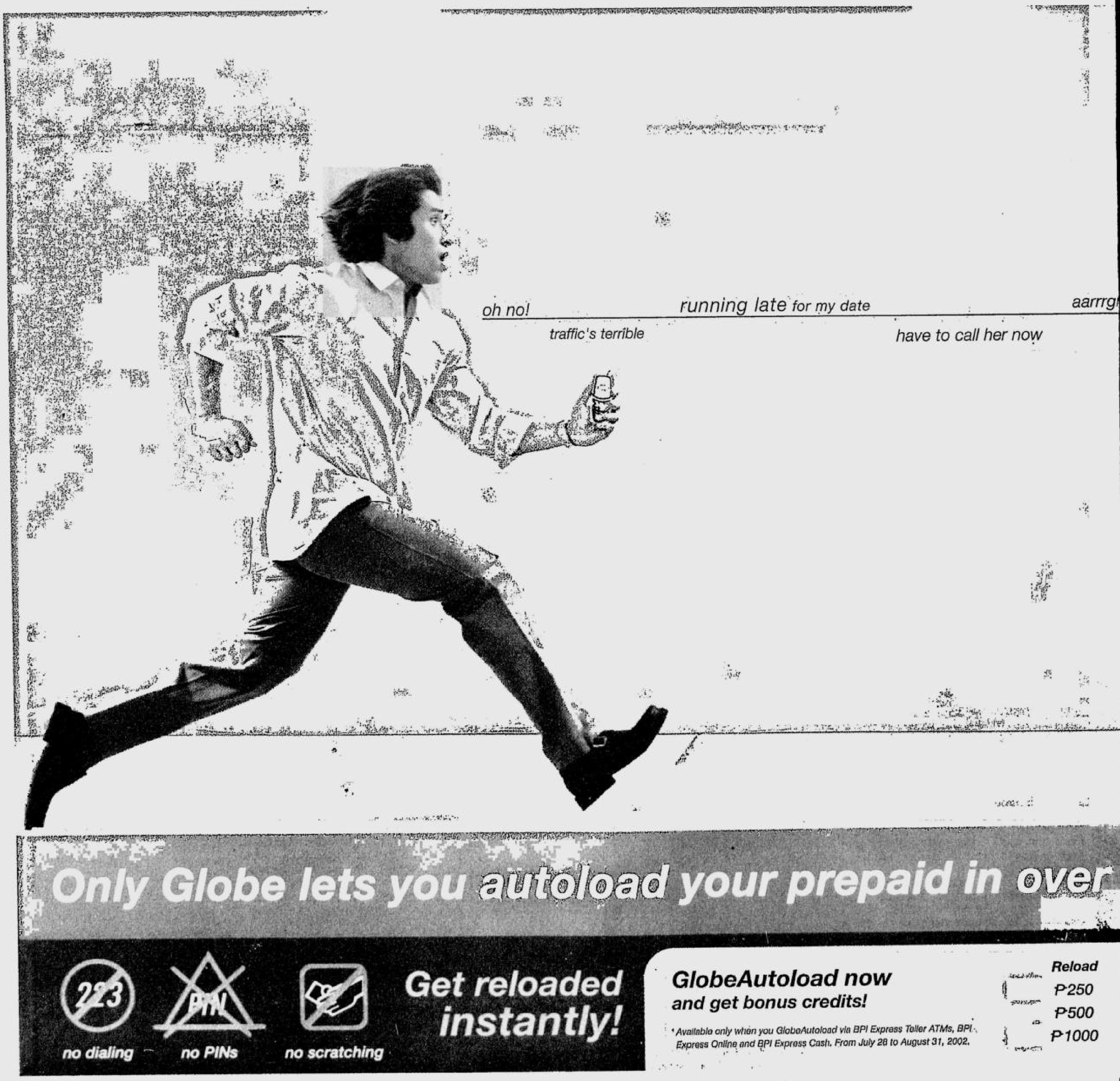
## Clintons seek reimbursement of legal fees

WASHINGTON—Former US President Bill Clinton and his wife Hillary Clinton have applied to have the US government reimburse them for several million dollars in legal fees incurred during an inconclusive probe of a financial scandal, the New York Times said Saturday.

"The Clintons have applied for reimbursement of their legal fees incurred in connection with the independent counsel's Whitewater investigation," David Kendall, the Clintons' personal lawyer, told the Times late Friday.

The seven-year criminal inquiry into the Whitewater affair, which revolved around a failed real estate deal in Clinton's home state of Arkansas, was wound up in March after concluding that it was impossible to prove wrongdoing, although it found that some of the Clintons' statements had been inaccurate.

The Whitewater inquiry, which dogged Clinton's presidency, was concluded by the special counsel Robert Ray, the successor to the independent counsel Kenneth Starr. *AFP*



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**VOODOO MUD** AP

A voodoo pilgrim initiates a young girl in the sacred mud pool in Plaine du Nord, 300 km north of Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, during the annual festival honoring the spirit Ogou, July 24. Voodoo believers make the pilgrimage from all over Haiti as well as from across the US, Canada and Europe to renew their beliefs and find strength through the baptism-like ceremony and other rituals.

# Powell says US may renew talks offer to North Korea

WASHINGTON—Declaring North Korea may have adopted a "new attitude," US Secretary of State Colin Powell indicated he may renew an offer to resume security talks with the Pyongyang government.

In an abrupt shift, North Korea expressed regret Thursday for a deadly naval clash with South Korea and proposed talks with the South next month.

South Korea said it viewed the letter as an apology that could ease tensions on the divided peninsula.

In an interview with Asian journalists Thursday as he prepared for takeoff Friday to India, Powell said North Korea's indication of regrets and announcement of dialogue with both South Korea and Japan were a positive development. The text of the interview was released Friday.

"As you know from watching this over many years, things have a tendency sometimes to go in spikes," Powell said. "I hope that what we have seen today is not a spike but a new attitude."

"We welcome it; we'll see what happens next," he said.

The State Department in early July withdrew an offer to resume security talks with North Korea after North Korean patrol boats fired on South Korean naval vesels and killed four sailors.

The administration had proposed a meeting July 10 in Pyongyang, but department spokesman Richard Boucher said the attack "had created an unacceptable atmosphere in which to conduct talks."

On another front, Powell hinted at a US military relationship with Indonesia, which he will visit next week.

"They need to improve their law enforcement and police capability to go after terrorists," Powell said. "And they need to make a commitment as a nation to go after terrorists."

At the same time, Powell encouraged the Indonesian government to seek reconciliation with separatists.

"When a nation believes that it is necessary to use military force or police power we would also encourage that it be done consistent with the rules of that nation, the laws of that nation, and is consistent with internationally accepted standards of human rights."

Asked about US military ties to Indonesia, Powell "we are reviewing all those programs now, and I may have something to say when I'm in Indonesia."

Powell intends to implore leaders of India and Pakistan this weekend to build on recent commitments that helped ease the threat of war over Kashmir. *AP*

# Pope John Paul II jokes, chats with pilgrims at youth festival

TORONTO—Pope John Paul II hosted 14 pilgrims to lunch at his log cabin retreat on Strawberry Island Friday, on what was otherwise a day of rest from his public duties with World Youth Day.

The pontiff, apparently in good spirits following a rapturous reception at his first public appearance here Thursday, joked and chatted with the young people, most of whom were fitted out in national costume.

At one point, John Paul II inquired about where his guests were staying, to which one young man replied that he was at the Hilton Hotel.

"Not bad," responded the pope. Most of the 200,000 pilgrims attending the youth fest are bunking down in sleeping bags in school gymnasiums and classrooms across the city.

"Yes, but I'm sleeping in the hallway," the man piped up, according to the pope's spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls.

Daniel Sadera Kuntai, strikingly dressed in a native Kenyan robe, performed a native dance on the patio, then each of the 14 pilgrims took it in turns to sing before presenting the pope with a gift.

Anneke Peamoeller, from Germany, sang Silent Night and offered the Holy Father a glass prism.

"He is the light of the world. I hope he can have it in his room and it will catch the light," she told reporters.

The pope has two more official engagements in Canada before he moves on to Guatemala and Mexico—the last two stops on this 10-day tour of the Americas.

On Saturday morning he will leave his island retreat on Lake Simcoe to move to Morrow Park, the headquarters of an order of nuns called Sisters of St. Joseph, in northern Toronto.

On Saturday evening the pontiff will lead a vigil at Downsview Park, a 130-ha expanse of land overlooking the northern part of the city, returning early Sunday morning to celebrate mass.

The pilgrims will spend Saturday night in the park, sleeping under the stars in their sleeping bags in what promises to be inclement weather.

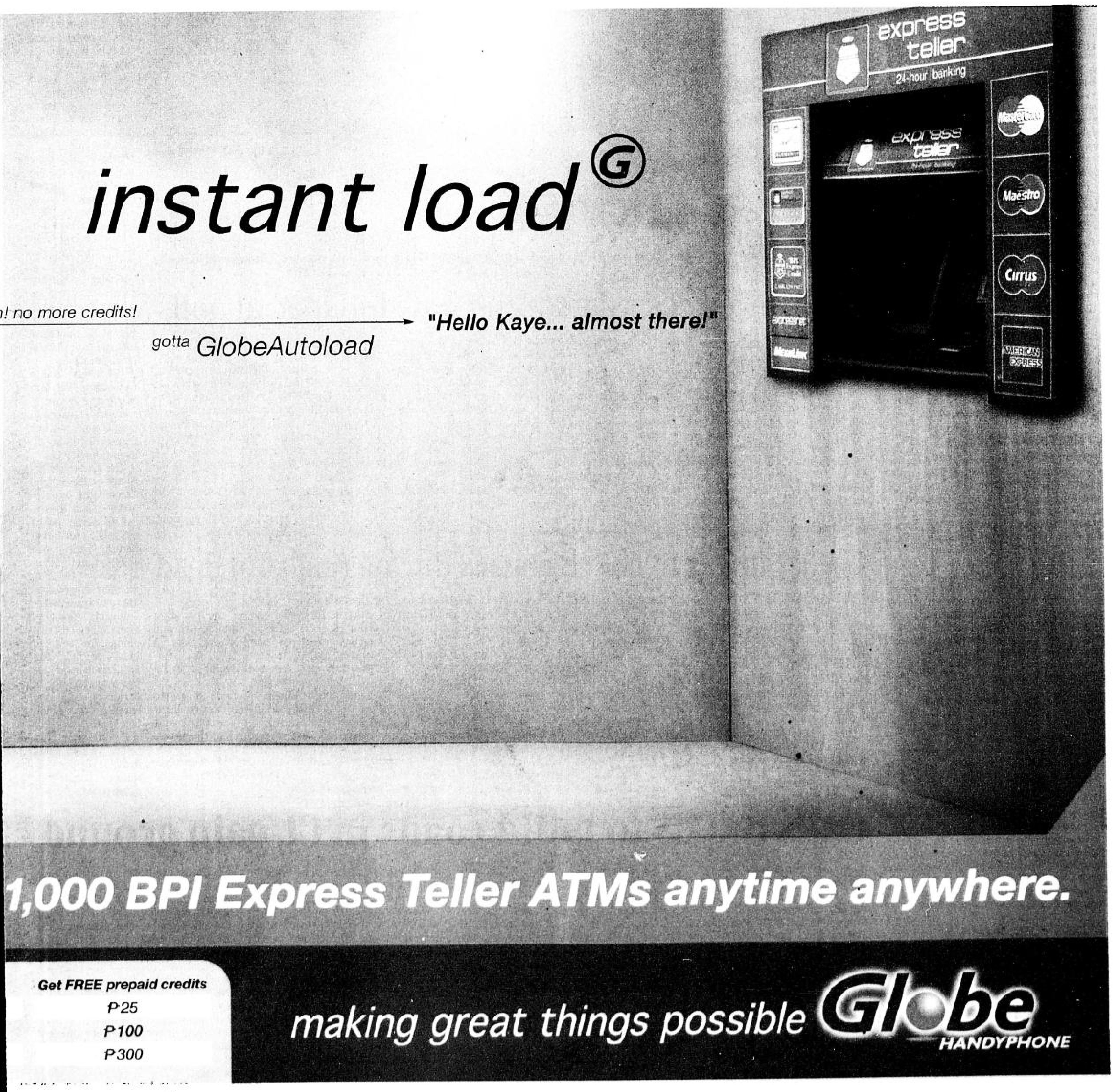
The 9:30 a.m. service will serve as the closing ceremony for the six-day celebrations of 17th World Youth Day.

The turnout for this year's spiritual celebrations has been modest—205,000 at the last count, according to the organizers. As many as 12 million Mexicans are expected to turn out for some of the papal events there later this month.

But many of the pilgrims—most of whom hail from North America and Europe—said it was an uplifting experience to get to see their spiritual leader, whose poor health fueled speculation that he might not be able to make the trip after all.

"He's inspirational," said Aaron Reefman, 17, from Sydney, Australia. "This has given me time to reflect on my faith," said Gneble Hermance, a 27-year-old law student from the Ivory Coast now based in Paris, who described her time in Toronto as a faith-restoring experience.

"I needed something like this to bring me back to god," she continued, saying that her attendance at church on Sunday had slackened off, as her faith was pushed to the bottom of her list of priorities. *AFP*



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## Lina bent on relief of 7 PNP officers linked to 'jueteng'

**CEBU CITY—The fate of the seven high-ranking police officials who were recently relieved by the National Police Commission is still hanging in the balance but one of the officers declared that he had not been replaced.**

Interior Secretary Jose Lina Jr. remains bent on implementing the relief the moment the Napolcom gets a go signal from the Commission on Elections.

Lina's determination to have the officers relieved came as Chief Supt. Reynaldo Berroya denied reports that he had been replaced as police director of Central Luzon and that provincial police directors in the region had also been relieved.

"Negative," Berroya told the INQUIRER in a phone interview from Subic in Zambales when asked about his reported relief.

Lina, who also heads the Napolcom, said the PNP could not immediately act on his recommendation relieving the officials from their posts since the relief order is still covered by the Comelec's prohibition on the transfer or relief of government officials or employees within the election period.

"(The) Comelec has already received our lists containing the names for the replacement. Since we are still at the election period, we are still awaiting word from the Comelec before it could be implemented," Lina said here Wednesday.

Under Section 261 of the Omnibus Election Code, the Comelec prohibits any transfer, relief, suspension, and removal of officials from service within the election period. The election period for the recently concluded synchronized barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan election will end on Aug. 30.

Lina ordered the relief of the seven senior police officials for failing to stop illegal gambling operations.

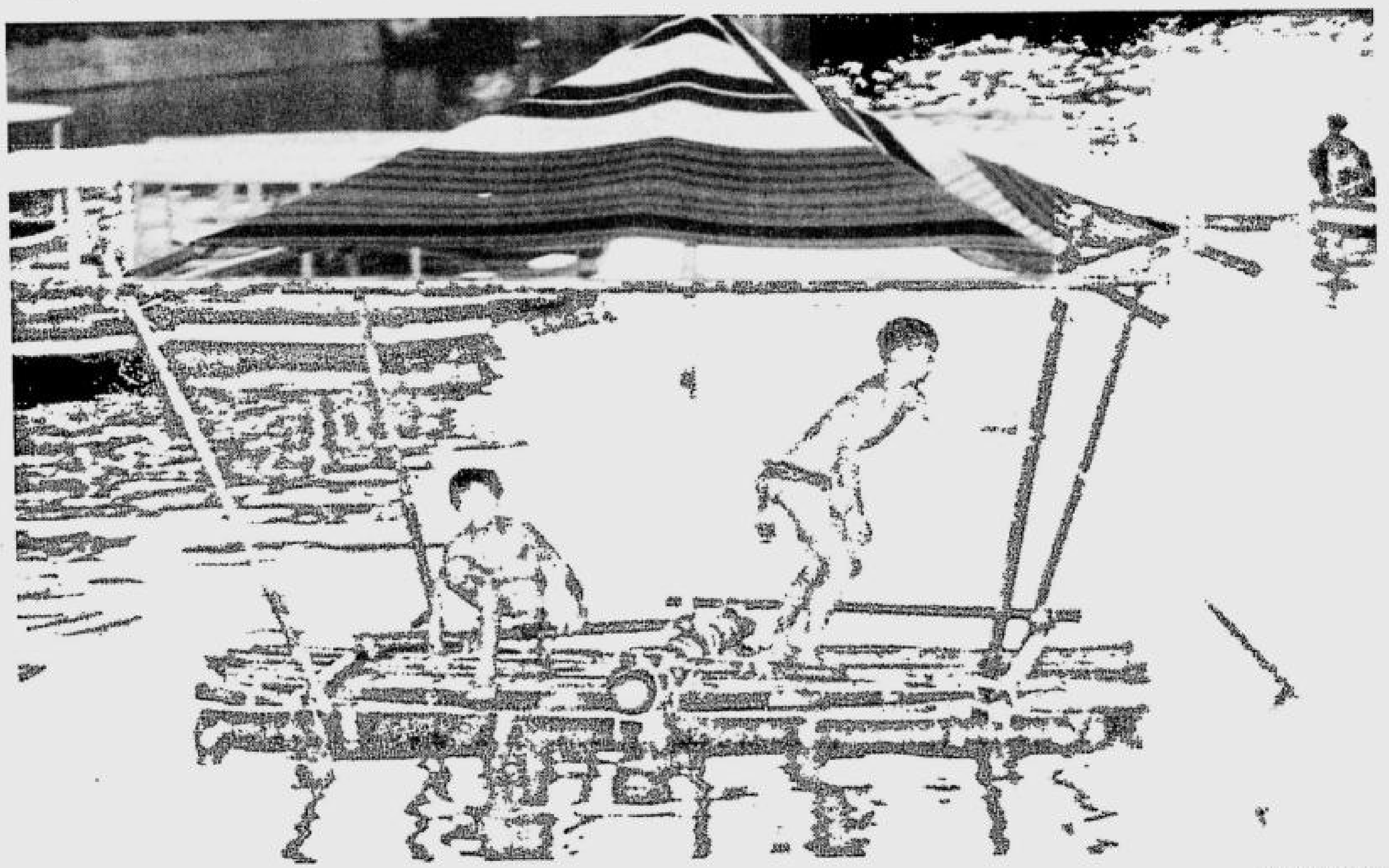
Aside from Berroya, ordered relieved were Deputy Director General Edgar Aglipay, National Capital Regional Police Office chief; Chief Superintendents Domingo Reyes (Southern Luzon), Avelino Razon (Central Visayas), and Nicholas Pasiño Jr. (Western Police District Office).

Others ordered relieved were Senior Superintendents Leonilo Dela Cruz, director of the Laguna provincial police office, and Jose Antonio Salvacion, Cebu provincial police director.

The officials have questioned the relief orders. Razon opted to resign from his post but was ordered by Camp Crame to remain in Central Visayas pending final resolution of the legality of the relief orders.

Lina earlier said the move was legal and was in line with a Napolcom resolution which grants the commission administrative control over the PNP.

Lina was in Cebu City for the closing ceremony of the training program of personnel from the DILG, PNP, Bureau of Fire Protection and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology involved in the "Patrol 117" project. *Jolene R. Bulambot, PDI Visayas Bureau and Tonette Orejas, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*



TOOTS SOBERANO

**REMEMBERING**
**TWO boys take a ride on a raft to take part in recent rites commemorating the July 1990 killer earthquake that struck Baguio and Northern Luzon and killed scores of people.**

## Suspected 'jueteng' financier arrested

**By Tonette Orejas**
*PDI Central Luzon Desk*

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Barely warming up his seat as barangay captain of Pampanga's commercial and business district, suspected jueteng financier Melchor Caluag was arrested on Thursday on charges of illegal gambling.

But he was freed at 5 p.m. also on Thursday after he posted a P10,000 bail.

Senior Insp. Luisito Magnaye, the city police's chief investigator, said Caluag, also known as Ngongo, was arrested by virtue of two warrants issued by two courts.

Caluag has pending criminal cases, both involving the violations of the anti-gambling law, at the municipal trial courts in Mabalacat and in this city.

His arrest came a week after President Macapagal-Arroyo warned a renewed crackdown against crimes, including illegal gambling.

The arrest also occurred on the day the Commission on Elections upheld the relief of seven police officials, including Central Luzon police chief, Chief Supt. Reynaldo Berroya, for their alleged failure to curb jueteng.

It came a few days after Caluag hosted a dinner for selected local officials and businessmen at his four-story building in Barangay Dolores, where he won as village chief.

It also came days before Senior Supt. Rodolfo Mendoza assumes his post as Pampanga police director.

## Comelec execs asked to set date for special polls

**By Joey A. Gabieta**
*PDI Visayas Bureau*

TACLOBAN CITY—The Commission on Elections in Eastern Visayas has asked the Comelec en banc to set the date for the holding of special barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections in 19 barangays in the region where there were "failure of elections" on July 15.

Adolfo Ibanez, Comelec regional director, said he sent his recommendation on Monday to Commissioner Rufino Javier, the designated commissioner for Eastern Visayas, for the holding of special elections in these affected villages.

Terrorism and the refusal of the Board of Elections Inspectors (BEIs) to serve because of security reasons were predominantly the reasons why failure of elections were declared in these areas, Ibanez said.

In Barangay Cadian, Oras, Eastern Samar, for instance, ballot boxes were forcibly taken away from the BEIs by armed men.

Ibanez said that based on the reports submitted by their local elections officers, the BEIs refused to supervise the conduct of the elections for fear of their lives.

Failure of elections was declared in Barangays Sangpuhan, San Vicente and Rizal, Silvino Lobos, both in Northern Samar; the villages of Salvacion and Mercedes in Jiabongtown and in Cadian in Oras, both in Eastern Samar.

In Samar province, the villages where elections failed were Labang in Hinabangan; Jacopon in Daram; Gajo and Matayunan in Sta. Margarita; Marabut in Tarangnan; Ligaya in Matuginao; Jose Rogo in Paranas; the villages of Burabod and Palamrag in Gandara; and the barangays of Patong, Langoyon and Ulerap in Calbayog City; and Barangay Patag, Burauen, Leyte.

Based on the records of the Comelec, more than 3,000 voters in these barangays failed to cast their votes during the July 15 elections, both for barangay and SK positions.

## Lone witness to police abuses during raid shot dead

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—The lone witness to alleged abuses committed by members of the Central Mindanao Regional Anti-Narcotics Group (Narc Group) during a raid here last week was slain.

Boy Dacil alias Boy Uling, who was in his early 20's, was watching a billiard game in Purok Islam, Barangay Dadiangas, when he was shot to death by an unidentified assailant on Sunday.

Dacil died on the spot.

Police operatives based in a nearby Kababayan Center recovered a spent bullet for a .45 cal. handgun.

However, authorities said they are clueless on the identity and motive of the attacker.

George Catapang, barangay chair of Dadiangas South, told reporters here that Dacil was the main witness in human rights charges filed by six residents of Purok Islam against several Narc Group operatives.

"I doubt whether the case filed against the (Narc Group) personnel would still prosper with the death of the main witness," Catapang said.

On July 16, Narc Group agents swooped down on six houses in Purok Islam without presenting a search warrant.

The lawmen were reportedly looking for shabu in the area, but after going through the houses, they found nothing.

During the raid, one of the anti-drug agents allegedly ordered a minor to strip and mashed her private parts in the guise of searching shabu.

Another agent reportedly whipped an old woman using a pistol butt.

Supt. Efren Alquizar, Central Mindanao Narc Group chief, said the raid was conducted after his office received a report from a resident in Dadiangas South that shabu was abundant in Purok Islam.

But he denied allegations they were abusive during the raid. *Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

## Calls for US to build roads in CL gain ground

**By Tonette Orejas**
*PDI Central Luzon Desk*

BALER, Aurora—If the United States troops built some 23764 million worth of infrastructure in Basilan, they should do the same in Central Luzon where joint Philippine-US military exercises were frequently held in the 1960s and in the last three years, Tarlac Gov. Jose Yap Sr. said.

Yap, a former member of the government panel in the peace talks with communist groups, proposed this on Tuesday during the fourth meeting here of the Regional Development Council (RDC), a policy and monitoring body comprised of government agencies and the private sector in Central Luzon.

Attending an RDC meeting for the first time this year, Yap specifically wants US military engineers to construct Central Luzon's East-West Highway that will connect Botolan in Zambales, San Jose in Tarlac and Dingalan in Aurora, which reverted back to Central Luzon from Southern Tagalog last May.

Only 12 kilometers of the proposed 200-km highway on the Tarlac side had been completed, it was learned.

Yap's suggestion also came amid announcements by Philippine military and defense officials that a series of new bilateral exercises would be held in Luzon for nine months starting October.

"We want this (highway) done under the Balikatan. My mayors in Tarlac are also endorsing this," he told the council.

Balikatan is the large-scale war games held inside the former American bases in Clark and Subic, and inside military camps in Luzon. The biggest Balikatan, which involved 15 US warships and 14,000 Filipino and American Marines, was held in Dingalan in 1983.

Renato Diaz, presidential assistant for North Luzon, endorsed Yap's proposal.

According to Diaz, the new highway was vital to the economic growth of North Philippines as it would link the seaport and airports in Clark and Subic and the proposed Dingalan port, the country's gateway via the Pacific Ocean.

The council did not right away approve the proposal of the governor, preferring to do the initial discussion at the level of the sectoral committee on infrastructure development.

Yap said he hoped the Department of National Defense and the Armed Forces of the Philippines would endorse his proposal.

## WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: The Western section of Luzon and Visayas will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to at times cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms. Light to moderate winds blowing from the Southwest and South will prevail. SOURCE: **PAGASA**

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## ROUNDUP

### Stolen metal mattresses

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—A fact-finding team of the Department of Public Works and Highways found that the scouring of the P1.4-billion FVR Megadike along Calzadang Bayu village in Porac town was due to the theft of steel mattress by unscrupulous persons. DPWH Regional Director Alfredo Tolentino said 180 pieces of metal mattress were found missing by public works engineers. He said residents could have stolen the metal mattress but did not intend to damage the megadike. He said they would replace the stolen steel mattress and erect spur dikes to divert water from the megadike's 100-meter long scoured portion. *Jun Malig, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

### Swiss shelter aid

DARAGA, Albay—The Swiss government has donated 45 core housing units at the Mayon evacuees resettlement area in Anislag, Daraga, Albay, bringing to 405 the total number of houses in the site. Peter Casaulta, Swiss charge d' affaires to the Philippines, made the turnover recently. Beneficiaries of the units were former residents of Barangay Busay, Daraga, whose houses were located along the riverbanks and constantly exposed to flash floods and lahar flows, especially during Mayon eruption. The Japanese International Cooperation Agency earlier donated 180 units, while the Department of Social Welfare and Development funded the rest. The Provincial Government of Albay provided 21 hectares for the site. *Melanie J. Valenciano, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

### Hybrid rice seeds

LEGAZPI CITY—Some 91 farmer-cooperators of the Hybrid Rice Commercialization Program in Albay get 122 bags of mestizo hybrid rice seeds. Secretary Luis P. Lorenzo Jr., presidential adviser for job creation, distributed the seeds through the Provincial Agricultural Services Office (Paso). Paso gave ten bags of the hybrid rice seeds to nine farmers from the first district of the province, 25.5 bags to 25 farmers in the second district and 86.5 bags to 57 farmers in the third district. The program aims to reduce the importation of rice and attain self-sufficiency in palay, increase rice production with less land, improve farm yields and create employment opportunities in rural areas. *Melanie J. Valenciano, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

### Crusade vs drugs

SAN PABLO CITY—Responding to the renewed and intensified call of the Philippine bishops to make the country "jueteng- and drug-free," civil society groups in this city have launched a crusade to combat illegal gambling and drug menace. Initiated by the Bantay-Bayan group of San Pablo, the crusade called Krusadang-Bayan Laban sa Sugal at Droga will be formally inaugurated at 1 p.m., today at the St. Peter's College Seminary here, said Msgr. Jerry Bitoon, crusade chair. The "Krusada" hopes to win the battle against jueteng in the next six months as a much-needed momentum to fight a more tough and dreadful enemy of society—illegal drugs, Bitoon said. *Romulo O. Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

### Hike in power rate

NAGA CITY—The Camarines Sur Electric Cooperative (Casureco II) is poised to collect an additional 12 centavos per kilowatt hour used by consumers even as the effect of the purchased power adjustment (PPA) reduction is yet to show significant decrease in the monthly bills. The power coop has announced its intention and asked the Energy Regulatory Commission's approval for the increase. Rolando Pante, Casureco II finance manager and spokesperson, said the request stemmed from a wrong computation the power coop has made. Pante explained that Casureco erred in deducting P0.30 from the PPA after the National Power Corp. sent it a memorandum to separately reflect the reduction in August. *Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

### Village councilor slain

TAGUM CITY—Gunmen shot to death a former barangay councilor of Madaum village here early morning on Monday, police said yesterday. Sozimo Ridualan, 72, died shortly after he was brought to the Tagum Medical Mission Hospital at 8 a.m. Police said they were still trying to determine the identities of the suspects. Investigators refused to comment on the killing, pending the establishment of the motive. *Dennis Jay Santos, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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# The Mt. Matutum of my past

**By Aquiles Zonoi**
*General Santos City*

THE MURMUR of the trees dancing with the caress of phantom breeze is like a sweet music to the ear. It soothes the mind and invigorates the body. All I ever wanted to do even when I was a kid was to relax under a tree and watch the grass grow.

I remember during my childhood, forests served as my sanctuary every time I got scolded by my parents. I ran to the woods just near our four-hectare farm, looked for a tree and then relaxed.

My mother never bothered to look for me as she knew where I was. I spent most of my childhood in the farm situated in a far-flung area in the town of Malapatan, Sarangani. I moved to the city only when I started attending grade school. But I used to spend my Christmas breaks and summer vacations in the farm to escape from the humdrum of a city life.

I started to hate spending most of my life in the city playing the role of a struggling journalist. There were times when I dreamt of retreating to the farm and do what I did during those innocent days.

It seems, to me, a hermit's life in a nipa hut set amid an isolated farm is much better than a noisy and expensive life in the city.

But even in the farm, dense forests were gone. Nothing is left but bald hills and mountains and vast expanse of cogon-covered lands.

I felt I was lucky for I had experienced how to hunt birds and wild animals in the jungle. I was lucky I was able to climb and play up a huge tree.

Now, it hurts to think that my children can no longer experience how it feels to be in the midst of a dense jungle, how it feels to be in total commune with nature.

They may never experience playing in the wild, to see such huge and awe-inspiring trees I used to climb.

The trees, environmentalists say, serve as guardians of the environment. But apart from this, trees provide shade, beauty and inspiration to man.

Nothing but the trees inspired Joyce Kilmer when she wrote, "I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree . . ."

The tree represents the earth's forests and forests serve as our basic life-support systems along with lakes, mountains, rivers and soils.

### Lost splendor

Never have I set foot or gone closer to Mt. Matutum (which in the dialect means burnt out) until I reached the age of 35.

When I was a kid, I was contented with watching its cone-shaped splendor from a distance.

Our farm is several miles away from it, but it is visible to the naked eye especially when the weather is fair.

My father once told me that living at the foot of Mt. Matutum was like living in a frigid zone. "It was so cold up there," he said. That was when it was still covered with lush vegetation.

Indeed, the fast-dwindling forest cover of Mt. Matutum is alarming.

It had a 14,008-hectare forest cover in 1964. Thirty-two years later, only 2,500 hectares of forest cover are left.

The most imposing landmark in Socsargen (South Cotabato-Sarangani-General Santos) now looks more like a kid sporting a white-side-wall haircut than a mountain rising 2,286 meters above sea level.

A dormant volcano, Mt. Matutum serves as head water for five major rivers in Socsargen.

It also supplies 25 percent of the area's water requirement.

### MICADEV program

Loggers are not the only ones to blame for the rapid destruction of its forest cover. Rural poverty and slash-and-burn farming wreak havoc more than the loggers did.

Socsargen residents have started to feel the pinch. They blamed flash-floods, siltation, fast declining bio-diversity, and dwindling water supply on wanton destruction of Mt. Matutum's forest resources.

The Area Development Project-Project Management Unit (ADPO-PMU) in 1993 came up with the Mt. Matutum Integrated Conservation and Development (MICADEV) program to save Socsargen's premier watershed.

The national government followed suit by declaring it a protected landscape in 1995.

So far, 19 peoples' organizations with a total of 2,683 members have formed around and within the restoration and multiple-use zones of the Mt. Matutum Protected Landscape.

The POs went through capability building training and seminars to equip them with skills to carry out environment-friendly projects in the area like reforestation, agro-forestry, natural regeneration, sloping agricultural land technology and organic farming.

Proponents of MICADEV program hope that through multi-stakeholders partnership and active community participation, they could reforest the denuded portion and conserve the remaining forest cover in Mt. Matutum.

> "We did not inherit planet earth from our forefathers, we just borrowed it from our children"

### Amyak Maleh

On March 13,2001, the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) launched "Amyak Maleh," B'laan for "climb and plant," to enlist the mountain climbers and campers' support in rehabilitating Mt. Matutum's 5,500-hectare restoration and multiple-use zones.

During the launch, 100 Norfolk trees were planted along the mountain trail.

Before they are allowed to climb, campers, trekkers and mountaineers are required to secure permit worth P30 from Municipal Tourism Office of Tupi, South Cotabato.

Part of the responsibility of the climbers is to plant endemic wood species along the trail to help in the reforestation effort.

To support the seed requirement of the project, a wildlings nursery was established in Sitio Glandang, Barangay Kablon, Tupi in South Cotabato.

There are 31 porters/mountain guides based in Glandang. For every 10 climbers, one GPA member is assigned as guide and porter.

Records of the Tupi Municipal Tourism Council show that more than 1,000 persons climb Mt. Matutum each year.

The towns of Tampakan, Polomolok and Malungon have established trails for their local trekkers, however, the route that takes off from Sitio Glandang is by far the most developed.

Glandang put up an assistance center where climbers are briefed about trekking rules. It is also the base for a group of mountain guides who help and assist climbers. Mountain guides charge P300 for a two-day trek.

The climbers have to go past six stations before reaching the peak, where a 120-meter deep and 320-meter wide crater, breached by three gorges and covered with dense growth, can be found.

Trekkers can go down there at their own risk.

### Penalty

Antonio Fernandez, a member of the barangay police in Kablon, said several arrests were made involving illegal loggers operating in Mt. Matutum but no one was penalized.

Fernandez cited the case of a certain Sanny Palate who was arrested for illegal logging in October last year.

"Last I heard, the suspect was freed after posting a P28,000 bail," he lamented.

Fernandez doubted whether the suspect could still be brought before the court to face the charges. "*Di na magpapakita 'yon* (He no longer shows up)," he said.

Fernandez also scored slash-and-burn farmers for robbing Mt. Matutum of its forests cover.

For him, shifting cultivation is more destructive than logging, claiming that "all trees including the small ones are being cut down."

He urged the government to hire more forest guards to protect Mt. Matutum.

They served as the watchdog of Mt. Matutum but they could not protect the entire mountain all by themselves.

"They (government officials) should not depend totally on us. We are ill-equipped and not paid."

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# *Balikatan effective, says Powell*

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US and Philippine forces were able to carry out training missions that coincided with an ongoing military operation. The joint exercises forced the Abu Sayyaf to flee Basilan and led to the conclusion of that hostage crisis."

He added: "This model could be applied to other security problems. For instance, combined naval exercises could be conducted in the Malacca Straits, where the incidence of maritime piracy is the highest in the world. Asean should conduct such operations on its own, and Secretary Powell should encourage additional expanded exercises to include other members of ARF (Asean Regional Forum)."

The Heritage Foundation is an influential conservative think tank. The Philippines is a founding member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which now includes nine other countries.

In a 20-minute briefing with Asian reporters here Thursday, Powell said: "I think that training has paid off in terms of effectiveness of the Philippine armed forces which are operating where the terrorists are, and they've had some success. Unfortunately, two hostages were killed in a recent operation. But then they've had some success in capturing or killing, in that incident at sea, some leaders of the (Abu Sayyaf) group."

Powell left Friday on an eight-nation Asian trip. He is attending the July 31-Aug. 1 Asean Regional Forum in Brunei, and meeting Ms Macapagal late Saturday morning.

### High praise

In a June 10 speech before New York's Asia Society, Powell had praised both the AFP and American troops taking part in Balikatan. "The Armed Forces of the Philippines fight courageously against indigenous terrorist organizations that clearly have international ties. I am proud, so proud, that American forces are helping to train and equip their Philippine Army counterparts to combat groups such as Abu Sayyaf, a terrorist organization which regularly kidnaps, as you know too well, civilians for ransom."

At the state department, spokesperson Richard Boucher told the INQUIRER that the United States had not yet decided whether to seek the extradition of the five Abu Sayyaf leaders indicted by a federal grand jury here on July 23.

"I'm sure the Philippines has filed charges as well. They want to see these people brought to justice," he replied. "Our legal authorities will have to work out how that process proceeds. Whether or not a request for extradition is proposed would be a matter that our legal authorities would discuss with Philippine legal authorities."

The Abu Sayyaf leaders were charged for, among other instances, the kidnapping of American missionary Gracia Burnham of Kansas, and the death of Gracia's husband and fellow missionary Martin and Filipino nurse Edibora Yap. The five leaders indicted are Khadaffy Abubakar Janjalani, also known as Abu Muktar; Isnilon Totoni Hapilon, alias Abu Musab, a second-in-command known as "the Deputy;" Jainal Antel Sali Junior, alias Abu Solaiman, a commander known as "the Engineer;" Hamsiraji Marusi Sali, also known as Tiberkis or Jose Ramirez, and Abu Sabaya, who is presumed dead. The others are still at large.

In the speech at Asia Society, Powell had said that the "murderous example of Abu Sayyaf shows how right President (George W.) Bush has been to lead a global campaign against all terrorists, all forms of terrorism, and not just against al-Qaida."

# GI tagged in shooting

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all propaganda." He said the Americans "are very strict and cautious because they know the repercussions, and the (Armed Forces of the Philippines) will not allow them to join operations ... because this (would be) a no-win situation."

Ocampo told reporters in Lamitan that during the ISM members' visit to Bato-bato, they were told about "two whites and one black joining 18th Infantry Battalion soldiers in arresting a wanted person at 12 midnight Wednesday."

The supposed wanted person was Isnijal, 31.

Ocampo quoted Isnijal's wife Hudaira, 25, as saying that a US soldier shot her husband at around midnight Wednesday.

"I saw a black American soldier," Hudaira later told reporters. "He could not speak in Filipino. He shot my husband. We were asleep when they barged into our house. He immediately shot my husband. I ran away because I was afraid."

### Abu Sayyaf

But Lt. Gen. Ernesto Carolina, chief of the Southern Command, said the allegations against the US soldiers were made by the wife of an Abu Sayyaf member, and that "makes her also an Abu Sayyaf."

"I surmise that (the solidarity mission) or the wife fabricated it," Carolina said. "The truth is that no US troops were involved in the operation. Most of them have left Basilan already. There are a handful left, but they are busy for the closing ceremony (of the Balikatan) and are preparing to leave."

Hudaira told reporters her husband was taken to the Lamitan District Hospital at around 3 a.m. on Thursday and was treated by Aguila, its director.

Aguila said among those who brought Isnijal to the hospital were three US soldiers. He identified one of them as a Reggie Lane.

"They got him out the next day," Aguila said.

Hudaira said she later learned that her husband had been moved to the Camp Navarro Hospital in Zamboanga City.

"I am worried that they will kill him, as they did other suspected Abu Sayyaf members," she said.

A neighbor of the Isnijals told the INQUIRER that she saw three American soldiers, two of them white and one black, inside the couple's house Wednesday night.

"I immediately left my house out of fear. There were many soldiers, some of them Americans," the neighbor said.

Isnijal's niece Chona Castillo said the Americans even commanded the couple to sit down.

"Their helmets had microphones, and they were shouting at Hudaira and Buyong-buyong," Castillo said.

### Police operation

According to Maza and Ocampo, the fact-finding mission learned that the raid on Isnijal's house should have been a police operation because of the military claim that a warrant had been issued for Isnijal's arrest for murder.

Maza said there was no proof that Isnijal was a member of the Abu Sayyaf.

"What seems to be irregular here is that US soldiers were involved in what was supposed to be a police operation," Ocampo said.

Maza said the incident was beyond the Terms of Reference of the Balikatan because the Americans were not even in a defensive position.

"They went inside the house and shot him, so they were on the offensive," she said.

Ocampo told reporters in Lamitan that mission members had found syringes, an intravenous kit, bloodied sheets and pillows and an M-16 shell inside the house.

He said these indicated that "Isnijal was shot inside his residence and was also treated (there)."

But Col. Alexander Aleo, commander of the Army's 103rd Infantry Brigade, said the report on the shooting was "not true."

"There was no American involved in the patrol," he told the INQUIRER. "(The Americans) are confined to the battalion's Tactical Command Post with (Lt. Col. Daniel) Lucero."

Aleo said the report was concocted to "discredit the efforts undertaken by the two military forces."

In his version of the incident, Aleo said members of the 18th Infantry Battalion under Lt. Rommel Cabanayan tried to arrest Isnijal, whom he identified as an active Abu Sayyaf member under one Commander Tanad.

"Isnijal fought back when he was being arrested and grabbed a soldier's M-16," Aleo said. "But unfortunately, the firearm went off and he was hit in the leg."

Ocampo and Maza said they would ask the House committees on defense and on foreign relations to conduct a full investigation.

Carolina said the military was willing to submit to an inquiry "to clear the matter."

Maza said the President should immediately order a stop to the Balikatan.

"She should ask the US troops to leave the country because their presence here has become too dangerous for Filipinos," Maza said.

Ocampo said the incident validated the opposition of various sectors to US military presence in the country.

### 'First-aid man'

In Manila, Col. Danilo Servando, the military's chief information officer, admitted that a US soldier—"a first-aid man"—had helped Filipino soldiers transport the wounded Isnijal from the 18th IB headquarters in Camp Uno, Tuburan, to the Lamitan District Hospital.

Servando said that Isnijal was shot in the right thigh after he tried to grab the rifle of one of his military captors, and that Isnijal was carrying a Garand rifle with an ammunition clip.

"No American soldier was involved in the operation," he said, but added that "it was understandable" for Hudaira Isnijal to allege that a US soldier had shot her husband.

Servando also said militant groups were "harping on this issue" in preparation for their planned rally in Zamboanga City on July 31, the last day of the Balikatan exercise.

"They are building the situation," he said. "They're using this incident to dramatize their cause."

The militant Bagong Alyansang Makabayan said the incident only confirmed its repeated warning about the US military presence.

"We have always warned the public of incidents such as this," said Bayan spokesperson Renato Reyes. "The US troops have a long list of human rights violations since the military bases were established in the Philippines, and despite their endless assurance of our safety while they are around, we are now reminded of how 'friendly' they can be."

"Is this another case of being mistaken for a wild boar?" Reyes added, alluding to the shooting of Aeta tribesmen at what was once the US naval base in Subic, Zambales.

"We are worried that the Philippine government will not seek justice for this grave human rights abuse," Bayan said in a statement. "Under the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA), the Philippine government will most likely surrender its criminal jurisdiction over the case. Such is the one-sidedness of the agreements we have entered with the US."

### No violation

VFA Commission executive director Jaime Yambao said the US troops did not violate the Terms of Reference because they had never been involved in any combat operation in Basilan.

"The US troops were seen at the site of the combat operations this week because they were tapped by the AFP in airlifting the wounded for humanitarian reasons," Yambao told the INQUIRER.

He said the US troops were "busy packing up" in Campo Uno.

Yambao admitted that the Zamboanga-based VFACom monitoring group had been hearing reports about the US troops' alleged involvement in combat operations. But these have been found incorrect, he said.

He assailed militant groups for being "quick to judge without investigating first." ***With reports from TJ Burgonio, Volt Contreras and Christine Herrera in Manila; AFP***

## *US troops all set to leave*

ZAMBOANGA CITY—A total of 35 US Marines who have been deployed as a security detail for engineering projects left yesterday as American forces prepare to return home after a six-month counter-terrorism exercise in the southern Philippines.

The soldiers boarded a C-17 US Air Force transport jet at the Zamboanga airport along with some equipment and were to fly to Okinawa, Japan, said US spokesperson Maj. Richard Sater.

The exercise has involved about 1,000 Green Berets, military engineers and support staff deployed for a counter-terrorism training exercise called Balikatan (shoulder-to-shoulder) aimed at helping Filipino soldiers wipe out the Muslim extremist Abu Sayyaf group.

The Marines' departure was part of a routine rotation of troops involved in the exercise. The drawdown of most of the forces will take place after the exercise officially ends Wednesday, although most of the 340 US Marine engineers and Navy Seabees who have completed infrastructure projects on nearby Basilan island have already left, he said.

The US military built 81 kilometers of roads on impoverished Basilan island, where the Abu Sayyaf operates. They also constructed helicopter landing sites and bridges, drilled wells, and repaired ports and an aging airstrip.

Sater told reporters Friday that fewer than 100 US soldiers would remain on Basilan to continue humanitarian aid projects "to continue to improve the quality of life for the residents of the island."

He said the projects would include rehabilitation of hospitals, medical missions and more wells.

"We believe that (the exercise) has been very successful for both the US and the Armed Forces of the Philippines," Sater said.

"I think the strengthening of the bond between the two militaries is one of the greatest accomplishments of the Balikatan."

The Abu Sayyaf, notorious for kidnappings and beheadings, last year seized 102 people, including three Americans. They killed 18, including Guillermo Sobero of Corona, California. Other hostages escaped and some released reportedly for large ransoms.

US-trained troops caught up with the group holding the last three hostages on June 7 and rescued American missionary Gracia Burnham, but her husband, Martin, and Filipino nurse Edibora Yap were killed.

About 160 US Green Beret trainers were deployed with Filipino soldiers in combat zones, which is unprecedented in joint US-Philippines training maneuvers.

Under rules governing the exercise, American soldiers are not allowed to engage in combat but can fire in self-defense. US soldiers came under fire only once, when a Marine security detail clashed with suspected Abu Sayyaf gunmen last month. There were no casualties. ***AP***

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# Historic town where crime . . .

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"But (naturally) the parents of the aggrieved woman could decide otherwise, because who would like a rapist for a son-in-law?" he said.

The usual penalty for a person guilty of rape, he recalled, was two pigs or a cow, or all three, plus an additional pig for a religious ritual called *lawit*. In more severe cases, the penalty could be higher, depending on the council's decision, he said.

If one stole a pig, the usual penalty, Neyney said, was to repay the owner with two pigs. The guilty must also offer another pig to be butchered, to feed the participants and observers at the *tongtongan* or community court.

"Since community elders settle petty crimes through the *tongtong*, hardly any case is elevated to the municipal trial court," Neyney said. This helps unclog higher courts of petty crime cases, he added.

What supports the *tongtong* system is *bain*, a Kankanaey and Bago value, which means shame. In other words, a strong sense of shame helps keep the peace in the community.

Kankanaey and Bago society puts great value on personal reputation. Thus, Beta-a said, living in such a community after committing a crime or misdemeanor is an intolerable experience.

*Bain*, he said, is so serious it becomes punishment in itself.

The *tongtong* system also finds support in another, more legalistic approach.

Beta-a acknowledged the role of women who lobbied hard for a municipal ordinance, which has banned the sale and drinking of liquor since 1995.

Some cases of physical assaults before had been traced to persons under the influence of liquor, he said.

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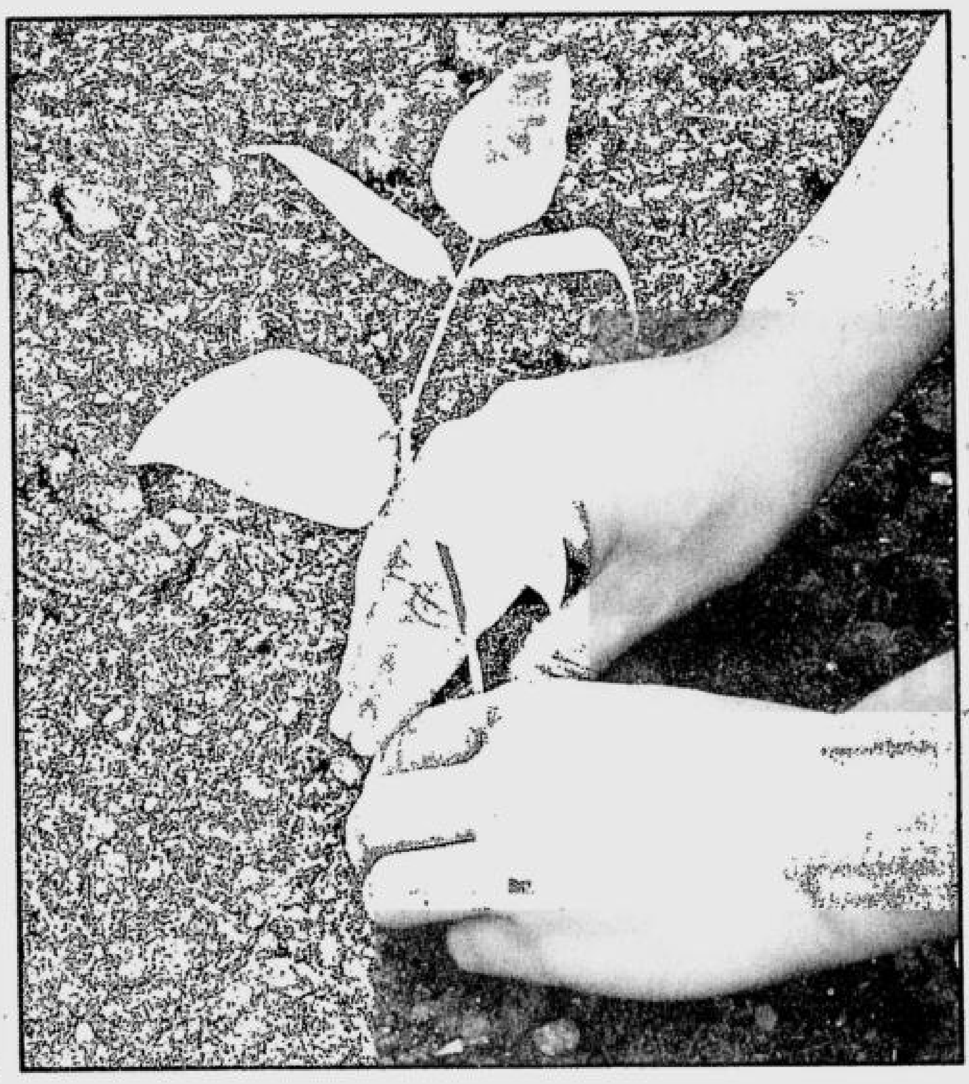

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# Copa? What's that?

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Arroyo is monitoring their movements.

He insists that the President will not waste her time and energy or government surveillance equipment on her former Edsa II allies because to do so is "pointless."

Bunye reacted yesterday to the complaint of Copa leaders and members, aired during a visit to the INQUIRER office on Thursday, that they were being watched and their landline phones bugged.

"We would float some things and they reach the President. But the information gets twisted," said former Tarlac Rep. Jose "Peping" Cojuangco, Copa founding member and prime mover.

But Bunye said in a phone interview: "They think they're so important that the resources of government would be used against them. It's pointless to use the resources of government for that purpose because the President has precisely instructed that our (bugging) resources be used for the total war against crime."

He added sarcastically: "Copa wouldn't fall within that category."

### Suspicious

On Thursday, Copa leaders wondered why the President had become "overly sensitive" and "suspicious" of their movements.

Copa secretary general Pastor "Boy" Saycon—who had criticized the administration's chummy stance toward Joseph Estrada's "boys" and now Foreign Secretary-designate Blas Ople, for which the President called him a "termite"—said they did not know who was "poisoning (her) mind" against them.

Last April, Malacañang accused Copa leaders of plotting a takeover by a civilian-military junta through what they called the "Freedom Force." But Cojuangco and Saycon denied that they were attempting to destabilize the administration.

Still, Copa's relationship with the President has been downhill since then. On several occasions she said Copa never wanted her to assume the presidency after Edsa II.

On Thursday, Copa spokesperson Jose "Boy" Montelibano said: "Why pay attention to us in the first place? There must be two million people griping out there. Why does she consider us a security risk? What does she know about us? We don't have the numbers. We don't have an armed force."

Montelibano's advice to the President: "Don't mind Copa."

### Exactly

And this is exactly what Ms Macapagal is doing, Bunye said yesterday.

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# Vasectomy for me–for my wife

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time during the delivery of our children—both were born by Cesarean section. During the first pregnancy, our baby went into distress after only a few hours of labor. During her second pregnancy, her obstetrician did not feel comfortable with the idea of Patit going on labor so she had to be cut up again. After her operation, Patit experienced abnormal bleeding in her womb.

I had then volunteered to have a vasectomy but Patit was more inclined to take on the responsibility for birth spacing and family planning. Like most women, my wife considered having a ligation or trying out non-permanent methods of contraception first.

Less thoroughly discussed between my wife and I were our more serious considerations in deciding what method to use.

An unwanted pregnancy might have been perceived as a deterrent to my involvement with other women. Although Patit and I had known each other for almost two decades, I could easily have been unfaithful given a social setting where some men have other partners.

In my case, my work in rural development exposed me to the specter of children's diseases and child deaths. I feared losing my own children and having no capability to have more if I had a vasectomy.

### Condom, pill, NFP

During those eight years, my wife and I tried other methods of family planning.

We used the large supply of condoms and a few spermicides that were available for my patients in the Kabugao Main Health Center in Apayao. But the spermicides caused discomfort and an expired condom broke (and we had our second child), and so my wife tried using the pill.

Oral contraceptive pills had the desirable side effect of making regular the irregular menstrual cycle of Patit, but they also resulted in prominent veins on her legs.

So my wife and I shifted to natural family planning (NFP) by keeping track of her cervical mucous changes. NFP was a wonderful way of encouraging communication and reproductive consciousness between my wife and I. But there were also times when our relationship (or my urges) could not be controlled by NFP rules.

And so, given the irritation caused by condoms and spermicides, the unwanted effects of the pill, and our occasional uncertainty with NFP fertility signs, Patit and I once more considered vasectomy.

There are three methods in closing the vas deferens—the tubes in the male scrotum where the sperm passes.

Usually, a small incision in the scrotum to reach the tubes is made and the vas tied or cauterized, and cut.

More recently, the vas could be reached even without surgery and occluded (closed) by coagulation through ultrasound.

I chose the method called the non-scalpel vasectomy (NSV). This was being promoted by the organization I worked with then—EngenderHealth—and a few other groups like the Johns Hopkins University Population Communication Services, FriendlyCare, Management Sciences for Health (MSH), the Department of Health and the United States Agency for International Development.

### Safe, inexpensive, simple

NSV was developed in China in 1974 and since then more than eight million men have had this type of vasectomy. The method is also popular in Thailand, where one physician even performed NSV on himself.

NSV services are especially important in areas where there are no facilities or qualified physicians who can provide female surgical contraception. EngenderHealth and MSH have set up NSV services and trained local physicians in areas that could not comply with the more stringent requirements for female ligation.

NSV has proven to be a less expensive and simpler alternative to hospital-based surgical contraception services.

On an outreach basis, NSV can be provided even under banana trees.

In the Philippines, vasectomy can be paid for by PhilHealth. FriendlyCare has even offered discounted services charging only P200 in some places. MSH has worked with local government units like Bago City, Negros Occidental, where government officials have subsidized the cost of NSV.

### Eight months after

I have to complete the picture of my experience with NSV by pointing out that it was not without some disadvantages.

Like most surgery around the genitals, I was supposed to clip off some of my pubic hair. When I was learning how to do the traditional type of vasectomy, we were instructed to shave off all the hair. With NSV you only had to use scissors to cut some of the hair that would affect the puncture site. But I had shaved my hair and so when my hair began to grow back, my wife and I felt like I had two small cactus balls between my legs.

Unlike some family planning methods, vasectomy does not provide immediate contraceptive benefit. Since the passage of the sperm is cut only within the scrotum, the portion of the tubes within the body and going toward the penis still has viable sperm cells. It will take a few weeks and a number of ejaculations before the tubes no longer have sperm.

In my case, the laboratory examination of my semen two months after the NSV still showed one million sperm cells per milliliter. But this is no longer enough for normal fertilization because more than 10 million motile cells per ml is required. Four months after my NSV, the procedure was declared a success based on my semen analysis: zero motile sperm cells.

NSV will not automatically improve your married life nor will it immediately provide you with protection from unwanted pregnancies. My wife and I still had to continue following NFP rules for a few more months.

After vasectomy, there is no observable change in the quantity and quality of semen. The difference can only be detected by microscopic examination.

My wife is reviewing this article so that I can brag that our sex life has even improved after the procedure.

### Men as responsible partners

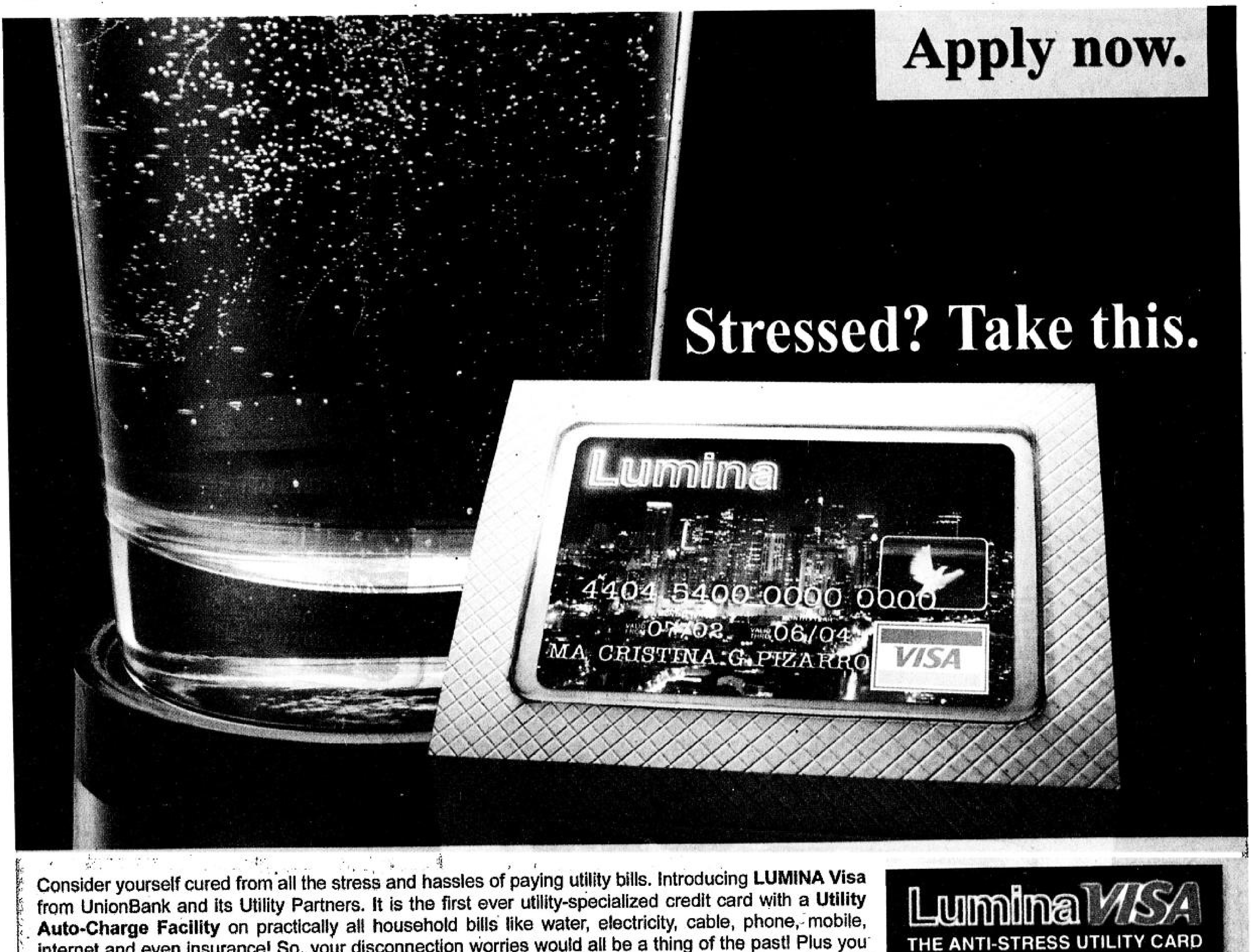
Family planning and responsible parenthood have too long been a burden imposed on women. I believe that more men should become partners in reproductive health.

You can say that men are involved in sexual reproduction for only a few minutes (or even less) out of the nine months or so that it takes to have a baby. Of the nine or so contraceptive methods we have available, only a few involve men.

Vasectomy is a very safe, inexpensive, and simple procedure that allows men to demonstrate contraceptive responsibility.

With my height of just above five feet, I cannot say that my NSV has made me taller. But it has made me feel better about myself.

I can even tell my wife that vasectomy is one way of showing her that I am concerned about her reproductive health and that I want to continue loving her and providing our children with a better quality of life.



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## PACQUIAO MAINTAINS SILENCE

# Elorde started the whole mess–Nazario

By Marc Anthony Reyes

NAZARIO

**ROD Nazario, Manny Pacquiao's other manager, yesterday said he and his ward are ready to fight Marty Elorde in court.**

Elorde, fired as business manager of Pacquiao some weeks back, threatened to sue the world junior featherweight champion for damages "for illegal dismissal."

The son of the legendary Gabriel "Flash" Elorde said his contract as Pacquiao's chief handler does not expire until 2005.

The INQUIRER again tried to get in touch with Pacquiao yesterday—to no avail.

Nazario told the INQUIRER it was Elorde who started the mess in Pacquiao's camp. He said Elorde wrote a letter revoking Nazario's position as Pacquiao's other manager.

"It was supposed to be a tripartite agreement among Manny, Marty and me," said Nazario. "But last month, he wrote a letter revoking my authority over Manny. He did it first."

Sources close to the Pacquiao camp said the friction between the two managers started when Elorde tried to secure a fight contract with an American promoter on behalf of Pacquiao without Nazario's knowledge.

Nazario, who claimed that Elorde was acting as a "dummy" of a Japanese promoter he refused to name, expressed regret over what happened to the partnership which he described as a "very good champion's team."

"There will be a GAB (Games and Amusements Board) hearing to settle the case and I hope to see him (Elorde) there," said Nazario, referring to the Aug. 8 hearing scheduled by GAB chair Eduardo Villanueva.

"I don't know how this will end but of course we are ready to answer all accusations thrown against us," said Nazario.

### Holmes, 52, fights again

NORFOLK, Virginia—Eric "Butterbean" Esch will have less of a weight advantage in today's 10-round fight against former heavyweight champion Larry Holmes. Esch, 35, pushed the scales to just 334 pounds (150 kilograms), 21 (10 kilos) less than the 355 pounds (160 kilograms) he weighed when the fight was first announced in April. *AP*

### Fistorama today

SAN MIGUEL Beer's "Fistorama" today over RPN 9 at 12 noon features PBF Jr. Bantamweight champion Daniel Diolan of Cagayan de Oro City against PBF No. 6 Flyweight Flash Morillo of Northern Samar in a 10-round bout at 115 lbs. The fight was held recently at the state-of-the-art Joe Cantada Boxing Arena in Taguig, Metro Manila in a fight card promoted by Edgardo "Boy" Cantada. Fistorama is produced by Joe Cantada Sports and presented by San Miguel Beer.

# Ucaa loop debuts at Rizal Aug. 20

EIGHT schools will unfurl its own tournament when the Universities and Colleges Athletic Association (Ucaa) debuts on Aug. 20 at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

Chair Eric Buhain of the Philippine Sports Commission is guest of honor in the league composed of host St. Francis of Assisi, Philippine School of Business Administration-QC, Olivarez College, Colegio de San Lorenzo, La Salle-Dasmariñas, La Salle-Taft, Emilio Aguinaldo College and National College of Business and Arts.

The Ucaa is backed by FedEx in behalf of the Philippine Basketball Association, Villa de Oro, Hacienda Grill, WinLink Travel and Wilson balls.

"We'll have basketball and volleyball, too, but the Ucaa has decided to focus more on athletics and swimming since we believe our young talents would be the future stars of Philippine sports," said league president Art Onas of SFACS.

Romy Guevarra is the league commissioner.

# 'Swerte'

**ONE WINNER**

*Edwin Villanueva*

*"IISA lang yata ang swerte 'nung Linggo."*

The man who uttered those words was Marho president Putch Puyat and the "swerte" he was referring to is none other than Hermie Esguerra.

Exactly a week back, Hermie's horses reigned supreme at Santa Ana, with Magical Mark putting a fitting climax to the Plaridel, Bulacan businessman's 4-of-6 record on that day.

After Anytime Anywhere lost a fighting fourth in Race 3, Hermie scored a rare feat because Pay Check, Adam's Call and Tatler Cover won the next three races. Even the most grizzled *karerista* at Mokong's OTB in Quezon City where my Silip Boy bets couldn't recall when horses belonging to the same owner prevailed in three successive races.

It could have been a four-straight romp if the Horseman's Cup were ran in the seventh race.

Magical Mark, acquired by Hermie from good friend Sandy Javier, stunned the Horseman's Cup field, including Puyat's Cutting Edge, who landed second.

Val Dilema masterminded Magical Mark's victory worth a cool P1 million. Incidentally, it was also Val who guided Pay Check and Tatler Cover as replacement for the indisposed Jonathan Hernandez.

Only last Thursday night, Hermie, in partnership with Bojie Fernandez, scored again on Tumataginting and then on Bulakeña, a horse he named as tribute to the women of Bulacan. Those wins somewhat cushioned the impact of Siete de Marso's loss.

Last Friday night, Hermie had another winner in High Octane, a promising two-year-old bay colt.

Today, *kareristas* would find out if Lady Luck will still be on Hermie's side.

Leading his battery of entries in today's program at San Lazaro is his *pambato*, Wind Blown (Race 8). Also competing for Hermie are Sandata (sweepstakes), Real Tough, Anytime Anywhere, Breakaway Artist, Empowered, Astuce and Kayang Kaya.

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**We hope MJC race caller J.R. "Racing" Cabansag won't get suspended again.**

**Yesterday, J.R. had everyone in stitches once more when he bellowed "It's a Joaqi in the park for Joaqi" as the streaking filly soloed it home in Race 5.**

***"Da bes yang tawag na yan,"* said Howie Basilio, whose fellow commentators Andy Sevilla and Bobok Domingo Jr. also lauded J.R.**

# Bates stagfest slated Aug. 27 & 29

SCREENING of stags 8 to 10 months old is now underway in connection with the annual "Richard L. Bates 7-Stag National Derby" set for Aug. 27 and 29 at the Mandaluyong Coliseum.

Popular Fil-Am gamefowl breeder Richard Bates, derby host, said he expects some 80 participants to see action in this blockbuster event.

Interested parties, call 0916-3156991, (046)-4140750, 824-0237 or 0916-3924512.

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Race 3—1. Spectacular Queen 2. Anytime Anywhere/Breakaway Artist 3. Cherry Lane
Race 4—1. Diktador 2. Max's Princess 3. Advance Party 4. Explorer
Race 5—1. Lord of All 2. Cat's Bells/Triregal 3. Bogart
Race 6—1. Thundering Dunk 2. Respect the Ace 3. Empowered 4. Spirited Lady 5. Kingair
Race 7—1. Romario 2. Storm Dancer 3. Sham Sham
Race 8—1. Wind Blown 2. High Roller 3. Hazmoore/Materiales Fuertes 4. Astuce
Race 9—1. Aringkingking 2. Kokoro 3. Free Agent
Race 10—1. Courage Heart 2. Woman's Task 3. Golden Tale
Race 11—1. Morning Glory 2. Gold Honors 3. Court General 4. Flying Carpet 5. Go Ichi
Race 12—1. Lady Victoria 2. Juan Marco 3. Brenda Starr
Race 13—1. Queen Matawe 2. Traktora 3. Fortius 4. Strong Element
Race 14—1. Dandansoy 2. River Bee 3. Kayang Kaya 4. Ohayo Gozaimas 5. West Pointer 6. Apple Splash

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# NBN urges MBA to pay P5.6-M debt

THE METROPOLITAN Basketball Association owes the National Broadcasting Network some P5.6 million in arrears for the telecast of MBA games.

Reacting to reports that MBA chair Santi Araneta has called off the remaining games of the National Conference, NBN chair and president Mia Concio expressed grave concern over the league's financial obligations to the network.

"We have not been formally informed about the league's plans, but this is serious considering the huge amount involved," she said. "My main concern is for MBA to assure NBN that it will honor its commitment with the network."

The announcement was made after the MBA Board meeting last Friday. Araneta explained the move would pave the way for a "restructuring of the league's format with the vision of creating a new identity."

Early this year, Araneta brought MBA to the government network with a broadcast and marketing arrangement that he deemed promising. "We welcomed the opportunity he offered then and shared his vision for sports development, said Mia Concio. "MBA fitted perfectly into NBN's profile as a sports channel."

The telecast of MBA games continued despite delays in the payment of its monthly dues. "These delays have affected the network's cash flow projections and operational expenses," explained Concio. "The network has a serious need for immediate cash and Santi Araneta is aware of this."

# SLR whips Coke, gains quarterfinals

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| San Miguel | 4 | 3 |
| Alaska | 4 | 3 |
| FedEx | 3 | 3 |
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| Selecta-RP | 2 | 4 |
| Ginebra | 2 | 6 |
| Purefoods | 1 | 6 |

**GAMES TODAY**
(Araneta Coliseum)
3:45 p.m.—FedEx vs SMB
5:45 p.m.—Red Bull vs Talk N Text

**By June Navarro**

SINCE Chris Clay's arrival, Sta. Lucia Realty has yet to taste defeat even against the Realtors' toughest rivals.

With Clay around, the Realtors streaked to their fourth straight win yesterday, slipping past dangerous Coca-Cola, 69-63, to earn a quarterfinals berth in the PBA Samsung Commissioner's Cup at the Ynares Center in Antipolo City.

"He's (Clay) our lucky charm. His presence brings a lot of energy on the team," said Sta. Lucia coach Norman Black, who also had nice words for Gerard Francisco, Francis Adriano and Marlou Aquino.

Francisco scored only six points on top of four rebounds, three assists and two steals but made his teammates look really good while running the breaks against the Tigers.

Now sporting a 5-2 record, the Realtors entered the quarterfinals together with early qualifiers Batang Red Bull and the Tigers, who continued to falter against taller and heftier teams.

Aside from the Realtors, the Tigers (5-3) absorbed their setbacks against the Thunder and the San Miguel Beermen, teams which have three to four players standing no less than 6-foot-7.

Aquino tossed in a double-double performance, finishing with 13 points and 12 rebounds while Adriano came up with 11; including two game-clinching free throws in the last eight seconds.

In the second game, Alaska demolished Barangay Ginebra, 80-63, for its fourth win in seven games. The Kings fell to 2-6.

Meanwhile, PBA fan Rolando Masagka took home the jackpot prize in the Davies Paints shootout contest worth P406,000 after his halfcourt heave hit its mark.

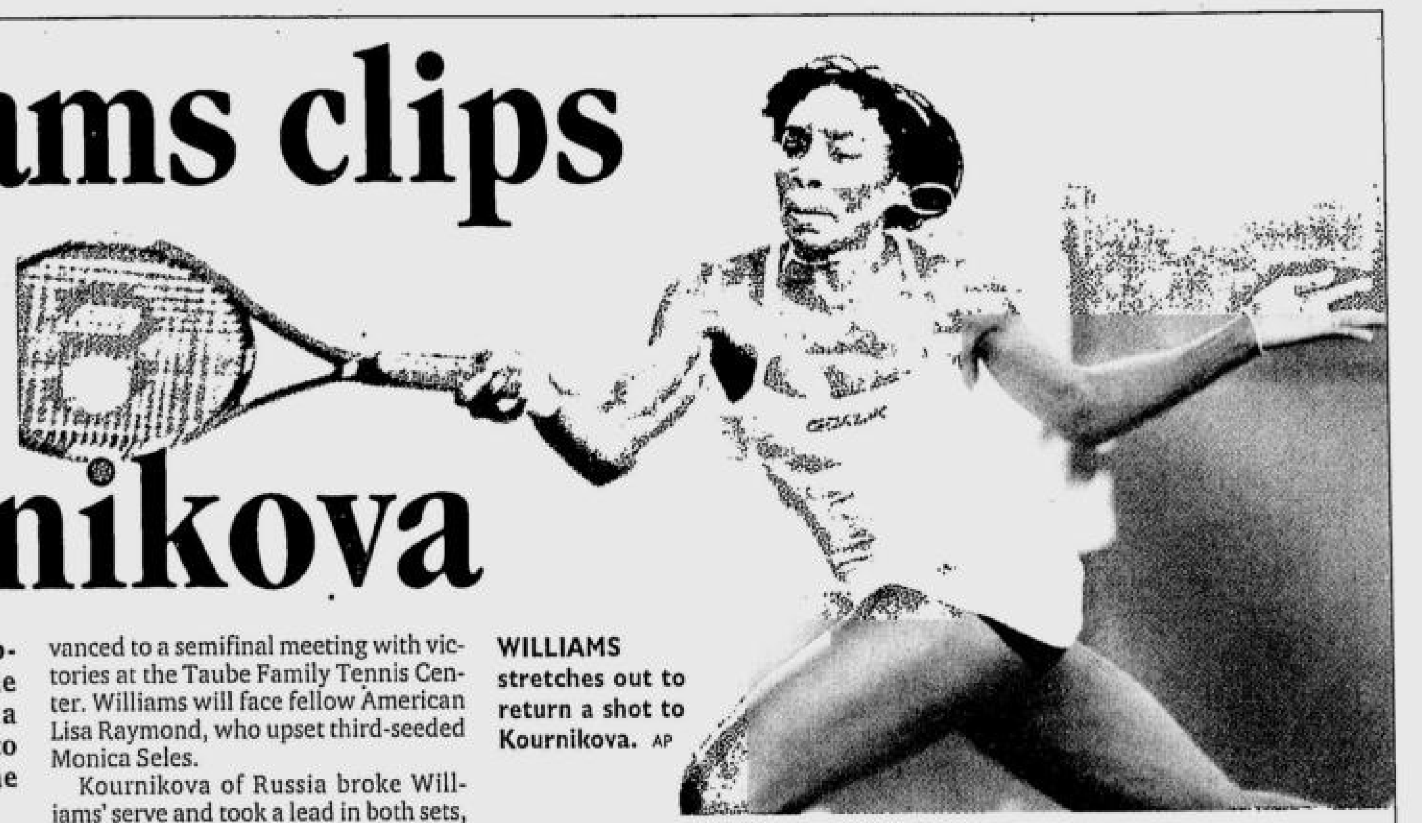
**Scores:**

**STA. LUCIA 69**—Howard 27, Aquino 13, Adriano 11, Clay 10, Francisco 6, Del Rosario 2, Victolero 0, Ortiguerra 0, Rodriguez 0, Ejercito 0, Tan 0.

**COCA-COLA 63**—Hale 33, Basemore 12, Abuda 8, Juinio 6, Abarrientos 4, Antonio 0, Avenido 0, Morano 0, Reavis 0.

Quarters: 10-11, 30-31, 49-48, 69-63.

# Williams clips feisty Kournikova



**WILLIAMS stretches out to return a shot to Kournikova.** AP

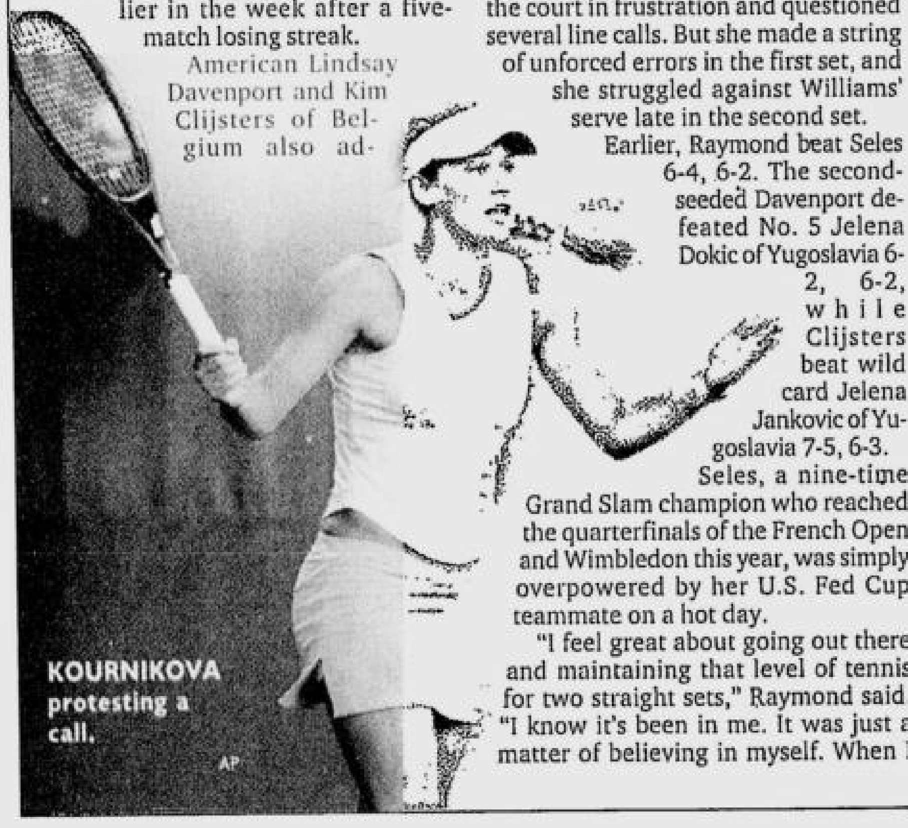
**STANFORD, California—Top-seeded Venus Williams overcame a feisty performance by Anna Kournikova, winning 6-3, 6-4 to advance to the semifinals of the Bank of the West Classic.**

Williams used her powerful serve, which reached 116 mph (187 kph) early in the match, to best a strong effort Friday night from the popular Kournikova, who had two victories earlier in the week after a five-match losing streak.

American Lindsay Davenport and Kim Clijsters of Belgium also advanced to a semifinal meeting with victories at the Taube Family Tennis Center. Williams will face fellow American Lisa Raymond, who upset third-seeded Monica Seles.

Kournikova of Russia broke Williams' serve and took a lead in both sets, but Williams rallied twice for her eighth straight victory over Kournikova. Williams won the final four games of the match.

Kournikova spiked several balls on the court in frustration and questioned several line calls. But she made a string of unforced errors in the first set, and she struggled against Williams' serve late in the second set.



**KOURNIKOVA protesting a call.** AP

Earlier, Raymond beat Seles 6-4, 6-2. The second-seeded Davenport defeated No. 5 Jelena Dokic of Yugoslavia 6-2, 6-2, while Clijsters beat wild card Jelena Jankovic of Yugoslavia 7-5, 6-3.

Seles, a nine-time Grand Slam champion who reached the quarterfinals of the French Open and Wimbledon this year, was simply overpowered by her U.S. Fed Cup teammate on a hot day.

"I feel great about going out there and maintaining that level of tennis for two straight sets," Raymond said. "I know it's been in me. It was just a matter of believing in myself. When I get out there with a top player, I don't believe I should be out on the court with them sometimes."

Raymond, a doubles specialist who won her third career singles tournament at Memphis earlier this year, hit serves reaching 104 mph (167 kph) and rarely made errors. She needed just 58 minutes to earn her second career victory over Seles, a two-time winner at Stanford.

"She just played really well," said Seles, ranked No. 4. "She was serving well and hitting her forehand, and whenever I had chances, I made a lot of unforced errors. I have to play a better level of tennis if I want to beat a player like that."

Raymond lost handily to Williams in the fourth round at Wimbledon earlier this summer.

In the first match of the day, Davenport looked as comfortable as she did in earning the world's top ranking in 2001 before a right knee injury ended her season in November.

"I have far exceeded my expectations by the way I'm playing," said Davenport, who fell to No. 9 while she was out. "I've been off for more than nine months, and I didn't know how I'd react."

Davenport reacted with grace and fluidity on the court, overpowering the sixth-ranked player with hard ground strokes and placement in 48 minutes.

"I had the same problems against her I had before," said Dokic, who fell to 0-7 against Davenport. "I didn't see a difference. It seems like she's hitting the ball better. I'm very surprised at the way she's playing. I didn't think she'd be playing that well coming back." **AP**

## Roddick, Gambill advance

LOS ANGELES—Two racket tosses and one anguished yell later, fourth-seeded Andy Roddick defeated No. 7 Xavier Malisse of Belgium 6-4, 6-4 in Friday's quarterfinals at the Mercedes-Benz Cup.

Roddick's victory set up an All-American semifinal against Jan-Michael Gambill, a 7-5, 7-6 (5) winner over Germany's Nicolas Kiefer. Gambill won his third tiebreaker of the week.

"If you win those tough tiebreakers, you'll start winning matches," said Gambill, a 25-year-old player who has been surpassed by countrymen like Roddick, James Blake and Jeff Morrison, the lone American man to reach the third round at Wimbledon this year. **AP**

# Youth cagers leave for KL

**By Roy Luarca**

WHAT it lacks in height, the Burlington-Philippine Youth Team hopes to compensate with spunk when it competes in the Southeast Asia Basketball Association (Seaba) Men's Junior Championship slated June 30-August 4 in Kuala Lumpur.

Saddled by the loss of four players standing 6-foot-5 and above due to various reasons, the Filipinos will leave today with only Mark Lester Benitez as the only legitimate center at 6-6.

Other members of the team being mentored by Johnny Tam are Jerson Torculas (5-10), Miguel Lindaya (5-10), Jonathan Fernandez (6-1), Jayfelson Agbayani (6-2), Benjamin Gadi (6-3), Michael Vincent Baldos (6-4), Hermes Sumalinog Jr. (6-2), Kevin Rae Astorga (6-2), Raymund Pacurib (5-11), Mark Louie Pradas (6-2), Roel Aurelio Escueta (5-8) and Paul Nikki Fedelicio (5-8).

Assisting Tam at the bench are Ching Marcelino and Rene Baena.

The Filipinos are the reigning titlists of the biennial event last held in 1998 in Surabaya, Indonesia. The 1996 inaugural edition was held in Sta. Cruz, Laguna, where the Filipinos also emerged champions.

Burlington socks' Rudy Tan has been named team leader while Rey Baula, former mayor of Sumilao, Bukidnon, has been designated team manager by the Basketball Association of the Philippines headed by Tiny Literal.

Accompanying the team being supported by Healthy Options, Air 21 and Accel, the official outfitter, are BAP secretary general Graham Lim and auditor Christian Tan.

## *Tan scores ace*

LUIS K. Tan, vice president and membership committee chair of Wack Wack Golf & Country Club, made a hole-in-one on July 23 at the 175-yard hole No. 3 of the West Course, while in the company of Benito Yao and Abraham Cu. He used an ERC Callaway driver and a No. 8 H/S Head Speed golf ball.

It was his second hole-in-one feat. The first one was during the final round of the 18th Annual Club Championship on Jan. 11, 1970, at the 2-3-yard hole No. 16 in the East Course.

## Aguilar sizzles

GLENN Aguilar and Co. ruled four of the seven divisions as Caltex-Revtex-KTM dominated the fifth leg of the Superferry National Motocross Series 2002 at the Perdices Coliseum, Capitol Area, Dumaguete City.

Aguilar, who is nicknamed "The Rocket," missed the third and fourth stages of the motocross series after a back injury sustained in the Mandaue City second leg. But as soon as he mounted his bike as a surprise entry in the fifth leg, there was no denying the six-time national rider of the year awardee from ruling the premier Pro Open category.

# Kuehne up by 2; Delasin 6 behind

NEW ROCHELLE, New York—Kelli Kuehne birdied the first three holes Friday and went on to a 6-under 65 and a two-stroke lead after two rounds of the LPGA Big Apple Classic.

Chris Johnson matched the 65 to move into second at 6-under 136, but she went the other way from Kuehne, making birdies on the final three holes at Wykagyl Country Club.

Annika Sorenstam, who had a 66, and Hee-Won Han, who had a 67, were tied for third at 137.

Kuehne said the good start to a round is rare for her.

"It was awesome, but I haven't started out like that in a really long time," she said. "Usually my best rounds start with a bogey, when I have to tell myself, 'Come on, get going.' But to start with three solid birdies, that got me confident into the day."

She sandwiched birdie putts of 5 and 15 feet (2 1/4 and 4 1/2 meters) on Nos. 1 and 3, both par-5s, around a 12-foot (3.6-meter) putt on the par-3 2nd. She added birdies at Nos. 8, 10 and 15 along the way and was never really in trouble as she posted her low round of the year.

Kuehne is coming off consecutive top 10 finishes, including a tie for seventh at the U.S. Open. Her only LPGA win–the 1999 Corning Classic–came in a three-week run where she was seventh, won and finished third in the Open.

Kuehne is 19th on the money list this year with $282,747, a far cry from Johnson's total of $41,416, which has her in 98th place.

But they had the same score Friday and are 1-2 on the leaderboard.

Johnson, who last won on tour in 1997 when one of her victories was in the LPGA Championship, sounded like a golfer who followed an opening 71 with a 65 when she was asked about the uneven greens and swirling winds that bothered most of the players.

Han, the LPGA's rookie of the year in 2001, also kept the birdie putts on the short side, making three of her four from inside 5 feet (1.5 meters).

Beth Daniel also shot a 65 Friday and was tied at 4-under 138 with Gloria Park (67), Kim Saiki (67) and Sherri Steinhauer (69).

Nancy Scranton had a 68 and was at 139 with Karrie Webb, who had a 69.

Dorothy Delasin carded a 69 and was bunched at 140 with Natalie Gulbis, Jennifer Hubbard and Silvia Caballeri.

Jennifer Rosales fired a 74 and was tied at 144, 10 shots behind the leader.

First-round co-leaders Kathryn Marshall and Minny Yeo, who opened with 68s, both struggled Friday. Marshall had a 76 and was at 2-over 144, one shot better than the cut, while Yeo had an 80.

Juli Inkster, who had taken two weeks off following her victory in the U.S. Open, had a 72 Friday for a 5-over 147 total. **AP**

**NEW ROCHELLE, New York—Former President Fidel V. Ramos scored another first for a Filipino when he teamed up with four others, including world's leading lady golfer Annika Sorenstam, in capturing the Celebrity Pro-Am championship event that preceded the Sybase LPGA Big Apple Classic at the Wykagyl Golf Course here.**

## Gilder shows way

CONCORD, Massachusetts—Bob Gilder shot a 6-under-par 66 to take a one-shot lead over five players, including two-time defending champion Larry Nelson, in the opening round Friday of the FleetBoston Classic.

Gilder fired a 31 on the back nine at the Nashawtuc Country Club, birdieing the 16th and 18th holes to jump ahead. **AP**

## Hayes, Funk on top

SILVIS, Illinois—J.P. Hayes shot a course-record 10-under-par 61 on Friday for a share of the second-round lead with Fred Funk in the John Deere Classic.

Hayes broke the TPC of Deere Run record of 62 shared by Kirk Triplett, David Frost and Pat Bates. Triplett and Frost shot their 62s in 2000, the first year the event was played on the course, and Bates matched the mark Friday. **AP**

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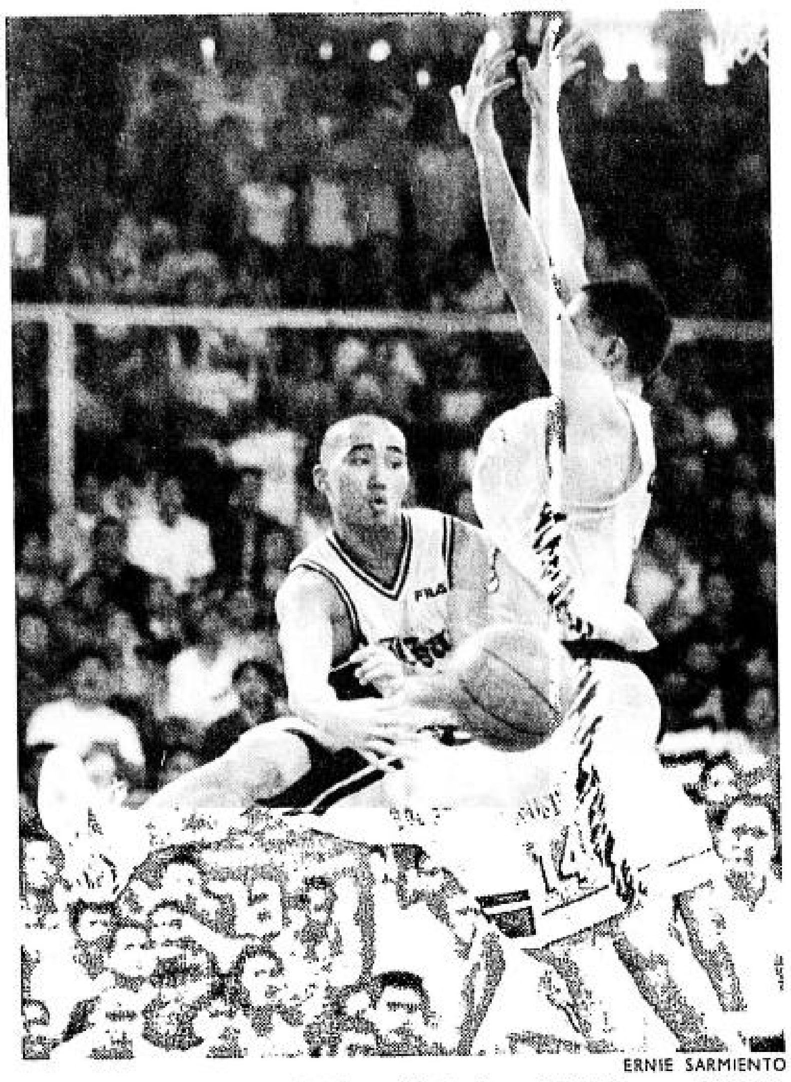
## BLAST FROM THE PAST

TODAY in 1990, Joshwe Bolico earned 6.5 points to finish eighth in the 14-under division of the World Youth Chess Championships at the Marian College in Wisconsin, USA. Also today in 1992, Harry Acosta timed 19 minutes, 33.32 seconds to win the North Star 5K run in San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte.

**PHILIPPINE PRIDE**
Enzo Pastor revs up his machine during the AFC Asian Formula at the Zhuhai Circuit Race in China. The lone Filipino entry of Team Tec clocked 1:40:297 for the second pole position. Pastor won pole positions in the 6th, 7th & 8th rounds recently. Pastor bucked a crashed wing and two engine failures to climb to second overall standings.



ERNIE SARMIENTO

LA SALLE's Mike Cortez (left) uses his body to shield his pass off UST's Nino Gelig during their UAAP game yesterday. La Salle won, 81-76.

# Archers rally to down Tigers, grab solo lead

**GAMES TODAY** *(Makati Coliseum)*
2 p.m.—Adamson vs FEU
4 p.m.—Ateneo vs UP

**By Dennis U. Eroa**

**DEFENDING champion La Salle banked on a furious fourth quarter show to turn back hard-fighting University of Santo Tomas, 81-76, seizing the solo lead yesterday in the UAAP basketball tournament at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.**

Jun Jun Cabatu's booming triple triggered La Salle's unforgiving attack in the final 10 minutes as the Green Archers stretched their winning run to four games.

Arch-rival Ateneo, which drew a bye, hogs solo second with a 3-0 card. UST dropped to 2-2, same record of University of the East which earlier beat host National University, 79-75.

"We were tested to the fullest. UST played very aggressive but my players didn't lose their composure," said La Salle coach Franz Pumaren, who is trying to steer the Archers to their fifth straight crown.

The Tigers, who last beat the Archers in Game One of the 1999 best-of-three championship series at the Cuneta Astrodome, earned cheers as they wreaked havoc on La Salle's shaky defense.

Nino Gelig had 13 first half points, while Cyrus Baguio, Alwyn Espiritu and Iago Raterta pierced La Salle's defense with their incursions. UST led, 38-28, only to falter when La Salle's fastbreaking plays clicked.

Just like in its losing game against Ateneo, UST lacked the finishing kick to put away La Salle. Cabatu's triple broke a 59-59 standoff, and the Tigers, with Baguio and Gelig silent and Espiritu in foul trouble, failed to rise to the challenge.

Bucking four fouls, Mike Cortez and Joseph Yeo gravitated to convert difficult shots, while Willy Wilson and Mark Cardona sizzled from the perimeter as the Green Archers posted a 78-71 lead, 2:19 left.

The six-foot Cortez finished with 17 points as he sat out most of the third period, while Yeo contributed nine aside from handcuffing Baguio. Cardona shrugged off a shaky start to finish with 13, including four straight points which kept UST at bay, 74-69, 3:40 left.

The Bulldogs, who lost for the fourth straight time, limped off the court, their pride bruised by the Warriors gallant stand. Froilan Baguion fell victim to the slippery floor with a sprained ankle, same with Jeff Napa, who also hurt his leg following a battle for the looseball.

**UE 79**—Yap 17, Booker 14, Artadi 9, Canaleta 8, Alminario 6, Tubid 6, Estrada 6, Omiping 4, Hubalde 4, Masbang 3, Butel 2, Tan 0.

**NU 75**—Grijaldo 18, Cajayon 12, Urbano 11, Mendoza 10, Baguion 9, Tolentino 8, Napa 5, Catamora 2, Santico 0, Miclat 0.

Quarters: 14-11, 33-31, 54-46, 79-75

**La Salle 81**—Cortez 17, Cardona 13, Ramos 10, Sharma 10, Yeo 9, Vainio 8, Cabatu 5, Wilson 5, Sta. Maria 4, Tang 2, Gavino 0, Vainio 0.

**UST 76**—Gelig 15, Baguio 15, Espiritu 12, Raterta 9, Hubalde 8, Del Rosario 5, De Guzman 4, Villamin 3, Luanzon 2; Naningga 2, Vizcarra 1.

Quarters: 18-23, 41-40, 59-59, 81-76

# RP tankers splash for honors in Bangkok

THE PHILIPPINE National Age Group Swim team placed second while breaking three international age group records and 21 national age group marks in the recent 26th South East Asian Age Group Swimming Championships in Bangkok.

National Training Director Carlos Brosas said the same team, backed by Speedo, will also represent the country in the AASF Age Group Swimming Championship in Zhuhai, China, this August.

Japan-based Miguel Molina broke 200 m breaststroke with his new mark of 2:23.86. He won 7 gold medals and earned the Best Performance Award in the 15-17 male category.

Alistair Kennedy broke the 50 m butterfly SEA record with a time of 29:19. Kennedy took home 2 golds and 2 silvers in the 11-12 category.

In the girls division, Luica Dacanay, 16, surpassed the SEA record in the 50 m backstroke (31:87 secs). Dacanay won 2 golds , 2 silvers and 2 bronzes in the16-17 category.

Sydney Olympian Jenny Guerrero won 3 silvers and one bronze despite suffering from influenza during the competition.

Overall champion Thailand garnered 59 gold medals while the Philippines defeated defending champion Singapore by one gold.

Speedo, the number one aquatic brand in the world, has partnered with the Philippine Amateur Swimming Association, to help nurture and motivate the young Filipino swimmers with a bright future ahead of them.

## *Baseball at Rizal*

**GAMES TODAY**
9 a.m.—New Zealand vs Guam
11 a.m. Philippines vs Indonesia

THE PHILIPPINES sees action today at the start of the 2002 Asia Pacific Little League Baseball Tournament at the Rizal Memorial Ballpark. The Filipinos clash with the Indonesians at 11 a.m. after the 9 o'clock encounter between New Zealand and Guam. Japan beat Florida for the crown last year.

# Misa, Suarez power teams to Wilson victory

FORMER Davis Cuppers Mike Misa and Raymund Suarez led their tandems to victory in the recent Wilson Interclub tennis championships.

The top-seeded pair of Misa and his PCA partner Julius Kraut proved too classy for the Valle Verde Country Club pair of Reyes-San Agustin while third-ranked Suarez-Tonito Payumo (MPC) also showed their deadly form with a straight sets win to advance to the next round.

Another veteran Cupper, Jun Toledo and Mandy Ochoa (Accel), were not as lucky as they lost to Armillo-Reyes (ETC). The Ladies event was highlighted by wins by Agra-Go (Metroclub) and Valer-Guillermo (UP).

Rara-Gabriel (VMTC) won in the men's 35 and above level and will face the top seeded Maglipon-Dela Paz (Orchard) tandem next. In Class B, No. 3 Tirso Cruz-Nick Lizaso (Accel) advanced to the next round.

Other results:

Men's Open: Santos-Santos (MPC) d. Ramnani-Castrillo (VVCC); Kraut-Santos (PCA) d. Arcilla-deGuzman (CMTC); Lozada-Sta. Maria (VVCC) d. Peralta-Villanueva (BFQC); Jimenez-Alcazaren (UP) d. deGuzman-Grajeda (VMTC); Villanueva-Lee (VVCC) d. Mella-delaPaz (VVCC) 35 and above: Noel-Subido (UP) d. Tolentino-Hernandez (ETC); Class B: Javier-Pineda (ETC) d. Nocum-Ledesma (VVCC); Trivino-Diaz (PCA) d. Lopez-Lim (Metro); Villar-Bernardo (CMTC) d. Garovillo-Ortiz (Accel); Aguila-Guevarra d. Gamboa-Reyes (VVCC).

### Soquino, Cortez prevail

LA CARLOTA—Lovely Soquino and Claire Cortez led the assault of the Cebuanos with contrasting opening day victories Friday at the start of the 2002 Milo Junior Tennis Cup & Regional Workshop here.

Soquino whitewashed Richelle Vijandre, 6-1, 6-0, and Cortez edged Julie Ann Sagansay, 6-4, 6-4, in the girls' 12-under division in the Milo netfest organized by CTW and supported by adidas and Sports Kids and sanctioned by Philta.

Soquino and Cortez barged into the quarterfinal along local netters Sheila Auquico, a 6-4, 6-4 winner over Angelica Napiere, and Mae Joy Vale who ousted Lynetter Bantigue 2-6, 6-4, 7-5.

Philta regional VP Vice Mayor Rex Jalandoon said that 80 age groupers from the Visayas participated in the tournament and another 52 boys and girls registered in the Milo beginners workshop.

# 'Nitpicker' is a lovable drunk

**SPECTATOR**

*Al S. Mendoza*

THE LETTER below is another proof of how interesting my job really is. I find it exciting enough to see myself rubbing elbows at times with superstars both from the homegrown and overseas varieties. But it also gives me equal pleasure when readers are frank enough—even annoyingly bold at times—to express their views in reaction to my views. The featured reader today, aside from being one of the best writers in the business of letter writing I've ever come across with, grammar-wise, can slash you with his pen without much provocation. At the same time, though, he can be your stand-up wit at the flick of a finger. His mood is that of a literati's. I rarely print letters in praise of my column. His is an exception.

■

**Dear Al (ok with you?),**

**It really never crossed my mind that you'll come down from your lofty perch to respond to an obscure "nitpicker" who actually is a good-natured hombre (according to my parents). Kidding aside, my letter to you and the Readers' Advocate was not meant to embarrass, denigrate or impugn your integrity, reputation and intelligence as a leading light in the field of sports. In fact I can say without wincing that your occasional column (Spectator) is unique in more ways than one. It does not only inform but at times sound homey as "bukayo," "tupig," and "bagoong."**

**I admit I was unjustifiably sensitive when I wrote the Readers' Advocate but it was not meant to pick a quarrel or provoke an argument with you. No way! Ugly moods do come unexpectedly and the culprit in my case was a bad cold and hacking cough and those were reasons enough to influence one's mental processes and moods. Does it sound credible to you? You just have to believe me because whether you like it or not I'm a non-combative person and not prone to unrelenting anger. You can't help liking me especially when my favorite brew (San Mig, of course) takes control of my sense of humor. At least many of my intimate friends and even detractors will tell you that I'm just about the most lovable drunk they have clanked glasses with. Sayang lang—I'm now a diabetic son-of-a—— and not in the best of health to accept your dare. I'm sure we'd like each other if I were that healthy and not shackled by an inhibitive ailment.**

**Thanks anyway for the kind invitation. Who knows I might intentionally provoke you again to justify a second invitation. In the meantime, here's hoping you're in the best of circumstances. Cheers!**

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# METRO

*Editor* **Louie C. Camino**

# 'Fernando only wants to improve traffic'

A CLEAR and precise traffic plan would prevent another misunderstanding like that which transpired between Mandaluyong Mayor Ben Hur Abalos and Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando over the removal of railings on Friday, according to Pasay City mayor Peewee Trinidad.

"It's just a matter of drawing up a major

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# Erap tormentor wages war on porn

**By Jerry Esplanada**

LAWYER Jose Calida doesn't mind that his friends and associates call him "Erap's tormentor." After all, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo had recruited him to prosecute ousted President Joseph Estrada before the anti-graft court Sandiganbayan.

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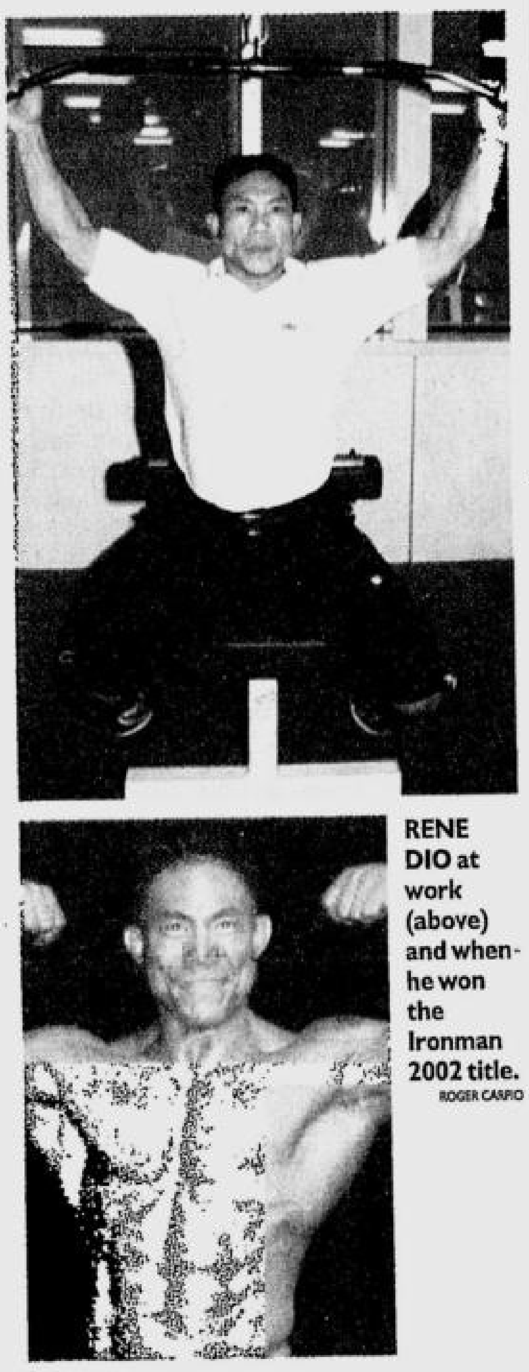
**JUSTICE Undersecretary Jose Calida.** ERIK ARAZAS



**RENE DIO at work (above) and when he won the Ironman 2002 title.** ROGER CARIO

# Hard work carries a lot of weight for strong man

**By Tina Arceo-Dumlao**

**TALES OF THE CITY**

WHEN Martial Law was declared in 1972, Rene Dio's father lost his furniture-making job in Sorsogon. Dio, then a high school sophomore and one of 11 children, had to stop studying so he could help his father by doing odd construction jobs.

He stayed out of school for two years.

Dio now considers the experience a blessing in disguise.

"I started as a helper and then I learned to be a carpenter and to do all sorts of jobs," he recalls. "As a result, my body became very strong. I became used to hard work."

The strength came in handy when he came to Manila in 1973 to continue studying at the Manuel Roxas High School in Paco. The school was one of a few in the city that offered weight lifting and he decided to join the weight lifting team.

He not only learned weight lifting well; he excelled in.

### Varsity team

"The people at the school encouraged me to continue what I was doing," he says. "I trained hard and I became very good. I even

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### Killed in Payatas

JOLLY Prieto was stabbed and killed by three men believed to be high on drugs in Quezon City on Friday, police said. Prieto, 39, had just alighted from a passenger jeepney near his house in Barangay Payatas, when three men approached him and stabbed him at about 10:40 p.m. Thursday, said SPO1 Rodrigo Barrameda of the Central Police District. Prieto managed to run and hailed the cab of Danilo Cruz, who took him to the Malvar Hospital. But Prieto died at 4:35 a.m. Friday during treatment, SPO1 Barrameda said.

*Alcuin Papa*

### Mistaken in Balara

SECURITY guard Rolando Gaurin mistook Constantine Valera for a burglar and shot him dead in a Quezon City subdivision early yesterday morning, police said. PO2 Joseph Dino and PO2 Pedrito Miranda of the Central Police District said Gaurin, 20, a security guard of the Focus Security Agency assigned to the Hobart Homes Subdivision in Balara, was making his rounds when he chanced upon Valera leaving the house of one Porifino Dacanay at about 5:30 a.m. Gaurin accosted Valera, thinking he was a burglar. But Valera, of EMS Compound, Camp Bagong Diwa, Taguig, resisted the guard and a brief chase ensued. When they turned a corner, Gaurin fired his service firearm and hit Valera in the chest, killing him instantly. Gaurin fled. On questioning, Dacanay confirmed to investigators that Valera was indeed a visitor at his house.

*Alcuin Papa*

### Shot in Paco

AN UNIDENTIFIED robber met his end Wednesday night when he made the mistake of stealing the cellular phone of PO3 Carmelo Gariando. According to the Western Police District's homicide section, Gariando, of the Manila Police's Task Force Manhunt, pumped three bullets into the armed robber at about 8:45 p.m. at the corner of Pedro Gil and Penafrancia streets in Paco, Manila. The robber was described as 25 to 28 years old, medium built, around 5-foot-4, and wearing a black T-shirt and gray shorts. The words "Jet" and "Sputnik" were tattooed on his body. Police said Gariando and PO3 Henry Legazpi were caught in traffic in an FX taxi while they were on their way to arrest a murder suspect, when the robber appeared, opened the front passenger door, poked a fan knife at the lawman and demanded his cell phone. But instead of surrendering his phone, Gariando pulled out his .45-caliber pistol and shot the robber, police said. Gariando said he was forced to fire at the suspect twice more when the culprit tried to lunge at him.

*Philip Tubeza*

### Murdered in Quiapo

BARANGAY *tanod* Rosaldo S. Ramos, 38, disappeared after killing his neighbor Ricardo M. Aguilar in front of his two children in Manila on Thursday, police said. Ramos also tried to shoot one of Aguilar's sons but he had run out of bullets, said Detective Athos De Quiros of the Western Police District. Ramos, of Hidago corner Elizondo streets, Quiapo, Manila, shot Aguilar four times in the head, police said. Authorities are still trying to find out the motive behind the shooting. Police said Aguilar was busy directing traffic on R. Hidalgo Bridge at about 5 p.m. Thursday when Ramos sneaked up behind him and shot him. Police said Aguilar's two sons were standing nearby and rushed to his side when Ramos shot Aguilar three more times in the head. The gunman then turned on the children, pointed his gun at the face of one boy and pulled the trigger, but the gun had run out of bullets. The suspect then ran away, police said. Detective De Quiros said the children will receive special counseling to help them get over the incident.

*Philip Tubeza*

### Raped by 2

WILFREDO Maraan and Rosalito Baguella were accused of raping the teenage housewife of their coworker in Quezon City on Thursday, police said. Maraan, 24, and Baguella, 22, even had a drink with the husband before they raped his 17-year-old wife, said SPO4 Constantino Igorona of the Central Police District. At about 4 a.m. Thursday, the husband left Maraan and Baguella, and retired to his quarters at the Bonamy Hardware Store on Tandang Sora Street, Igorona said. A few hours later, he dressed for work and left his wife, still sleeping in his quarters. The wife woke up at about 8 a.m. to find the two suspects in bed with her, touching her private parts, police said. She said Maraan threatened to kill her. She said Baguella stepped out while Maraan abused her.

*Alcuin Papa*

## 'Sonny Parsons did right in defending his family'

By Cynthia D. Balana

THE SENATE feels former Marikina councilor and former Hagibis singer Sonny Parsons did right in defending his family and property against robbers who assaulted his home in Marikina City, two of whom he eventually killed, according to a resolution filed by Sen. Blas Ople.

"All criminals should be on notice that the State upholds the right of self-defense as a primordial right of all upstanding citizens," Ople said in the resolution he filed last Thursday.

Ople, will take his oath as foreign affairs secretary on July 30, said sanctioning Parsons for exercising his right to self-defense was not right.

He said this will set a bad precedent and demoralize the citizenry, and will also adversely affect the government's drive against criminality.

The Marikina police has filed charges of homicide against Parsons for shooting to death two of the attackers and frustrated homicide for the wounding of a third assailant.

Two other suspects escaped.

The Ople resolution said "the right of self-defense extends to the pursuit of fleeing attackers who could otherwise quickly return to complete their evil intentions."

"I expect all senators, regardless of party, to vote for this resolution," Ople said.

OPLE

# MMDA's no-left-turn soon at other major crossings

Leila B. Salaverria

METRO Manila Development Authority's no-left-turn policy will soon be enforced at intersections of other major thoroughfares, according to MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando.

He said the policy, which was first tried out at three intersections along Edsa, was "a success," and that the MMDA is now ready to implement the plan in other places to decongest traffic in the metropolis.

"So far, so good," Fernando said in a news conference on Monday. "Our experiment is successful, so we will look at the possibility of implementing it at other intersections."

He said improved traffic flow has been reported on the Kamias-Kamuning, Timog-East Avenue, and Santolan-Boni Serrano intersections along Edsa.

The MMDA began implementing its no-left-turn policy on July 6.

Fernado said there has been a 25 to 30 percent reduction in waiting time at these intersections.

He also told reporters that the average speed of traffic movement has improved from 14 to 17 kilometers per hour.

But he added that while he is pleased with the improvement, he is targeting a 25 kph average for traffic movement.

He also said that the Unified Vehicular Volume Reduction Program, or the "color-coding" scheme, might be abolished after authorities noted that the program keeps "a very minimal number of vehicles" off the road.

"So far, it seems positive that it would be abolished," he said.

He cited a study that showed only four percent of vehicles in the metropolis are banned from using major thoroughfares on any given day the UVVRP is in effect.

The scheme bans private vehicles on the roads, depending on the last digit of their license plates.

The MMDA is re-assessing the scheme, which may result in the program's abolition, modification or improvement, Fernando said.

He said the color-coding scheme might be affecting the productivity of the vehicles.

"People tend to buy more than one car in order to have something to use when one of their cars is banned from the road," he said. "The vehicle affected by the scheme just stays in the garage."

He said there are many people anyway who apply for exemption from the scheme.

## Erap tormentor . . .

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Under Calida, the prosecution has lined up at least 23 witnesses to pin down Estrada, including two close friends of the fallen leader.

Early last year, Calida was also named justice undersecretary in charge of the National Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel, the DOJ Action Center, Task Force on Terrorism and Internal Security, Task Force on Financial Fraud and Money Laundering, and the agency's representative in the National Anti-Poverty Commission and eight other bodies.

Despite all these, the 52-year-old Compostela Valley native still finds time for one of his personal crusades—the fight against pornography.

### Priority

"We're busy preparing civil forfeiture proceedings on at least four alleged Erap mansions," said the Jesuit-educated lawyer. "But I will always find time for the battle against pornography. This crusade will always be a priority. The government is my mission field and as a Born-Again Christian, it is my duty to be the salt and light where God placed me."

In the late '90s, his non-government organization God's People's Coalition for Righteousness (GPCR) staged protest and prayer rallies against smut films. In 1993, Calida, then representing the Coalition for Moral Righteousness (Clamor), presented evidence before the Senate committee on justice and human rights in its investigation of the activities of the alleged sex cult Children of God (COG).

### Like mushrooms

Early this month, human rights workers of the Human Rights Advocates (U-Belt) and staff of the Redemptorist Church in Baclaran, Parañaque City, and two other Catholic churches in Metro Manila told the Inquirer that "sex-oriented publications are sprouting like mushrooms, some masquerading as news tabloids."

They observed that the pornographic publications are "sold side by side with ordinary newspapers and magazines in newsstands near schools, Catholic and protestant churches, public markets, bus and jeepney terminals and other public places" in Metro Manila and other key cities of the country.

Calida, also founding president of the Citizens' Battle Against Corruption (Cibac), a party-list organization that won a seat last year in the House of Representatives and one of the complainants in the impeachment complaint against Estrada, strongly agreed.

"We must be vigilant," he declared. "Like bold films, porno materials are a menace to society and should not be allowed to proliferate."

The soft-spoken lawyer is also on Malacañang's short list of candidates for the post of Ombudsman, replacing Aniano Desierto who is set to retire early next month.

Among those backing Calida's bid are Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin, Finance Sec. Jose Isidro Camacho, Interior and Local Government Sec. Jose Lina, Trade and Industry Sec. Mar Roxas, Sen. Robert Barbers, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Gov. Rafael Buenaventura, ARMM Gov. Parouk Hussin, retired Supreme Court Associate Justice Bernardo Pardo, presidential adviser for political affairs Jose Ma. Rufino, Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, also the President's anti-crime consultant, the Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Volunteers against Crime and Corruption (VACC), and the Philippines for Jesus Movement.

Actually, the government prosecutor said, "there's an ongoing effort to go after pornographic materials. The Philippine National Police is the first line of defense in the campaign. We expect they will do their job."

### Porno Watch

At the same time, however, Calida said, "there's some truth to reports that the government's anti-porno drive has become an on-and-off campaign. That is why there is really a need for civil society groups to watch. If there's the so-called 'Plunder Watch' during the Erap trial, there should also be a Porno Watch. This is what GPCR is trying to do."

He stressed the need to review existing legislation on pornography to determine if they're still up to date.

Article 201 of the Penal Code classifies pornography as an "offense against decency and good customs." In the same category are "immoral doctrines, obscene publications and indecent shows."

Penalties for the offense include jail terms and fines ranging from P6,000 to P12,000.

### Related

Calida also called for a review of the policies of the Movie Television Review and Classification Board, or MTRCB, which is under the Office of the President.

He disclosed that a GPCR study "confirmed the correlation between addiction to pornography and sex crimes that are committed against children, among other victims."

"Remember Leo Echegaray (the house painter who was convicted of raping his 10-year-old daughter in 1994)? We were informed that before his execution (on Feb. 5, 1999), he still watched X-rated films," Calida noted.

He appealed to the country's educators to help "strengthen the moral fiber of our youth who are susceptible to pornography and educate them about its evils."

He believes "we should really involve the school because that's where values are formally taught. But basic to that is still the family where we learn old-fashioned moral values. Not really old-fashioned in the sense they're outdated, but there are things to me as a Christian which are eternal, like a sound, moral foundation for our children, and I'm referring to the family."

He added: "If you call me old-fashioned in that sense, it's okay with me. I don't mind, really."

**CALIDA'S FIRE.** "We must be vigilant," says the anti-porn crusader.

JOAN BONDOC

## 'Fernando . . .

From p. A21

traffic plan. *Maiiwasan na yung ganito* (We can avoid this sort of thing). Actually, (the plan) is in the works already," Trinidad, who is also spokesperson for Metro Mayors league, said in an interview yesterday. He said the misunderstanding was just about a "traffic problem," nothing more.

Abalos had apprehended several MMDA personnel for removing the metal railings along Edsa in Mandaluyong. Abalos, the son of former MMDA Chair Benjamin Abalos, said what the MMDA did was wrong and ordered the arrested personnel to return the railings to its proper place. He said the railings were not obstructions, but were put there in order to protect pedestrians.

Fernando had called up Abalos to explain the MMDA personnel's actions. He had said in an interview that confusion might have reigned because the one in charge of the clearing operations was absent due to illness for that day. He said he and Abalos had already patched things up between them.

Trinidad also said yesterday that Fernando might just have been enthusiastic about his plans so Mandaluyong officials might not have been informed about it.

"I think it's just enthusiasm on his part because he believes in his projects are good. *Medyo nagmadali lang siguro siya.* (He might just have been eager)," he said.

The Pasay mayor added that he would welcome Fernando's help in dealing with the traffic problem in his city.

"We would appreciate all the help that would come our way," he said.

When asked how he would react if the MMDA removed the railings he had placed on Taft Ave. in Pasay to prevent pedestrians from jaywalking, Trinidad said it would be "okay" with him because Fernando's intention is to improve the traffic situation.

## NBI cracks down on illegal LPG

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation (NBI) recently began a nationwide crackdown on illegal refillers and sellers of unauthorized liquified petroleum gas in the wake of increasing reports on explosions caused by illegally refilled LPG cylinders.

NBI agents recently raided Republic Gas Corp. (Regasco) in Malabon and Omni Gas Corp. in Pasig City on the strength of search warrants issued by RTC Judge Nemesio Felix.

The raids yielded LPG cylinders bearing other popular LPG brands. The two refilling plants were reportedly not authorized to use, refill or distribute these other LPG brands, according to the NBI complaint.

Surveillance reports also confirmed that the illegally refilled LPGs were sold to buyers who were apparently led into believing that the LPGs came from the company whose names appear on the cylinders when the cylinders actually had been refilled by another entity.

According to Ferdinand Lavin, chief of the Anti-Organized Crime Division of the NBI, the government hopes to curb the proliferation of illegal refilling in the LPG industry.

## Hard work carries a lot of weight for strong man

From p. A21

joined the national weightlifting team ahead of those who taught me in school."

The University of the East put Dio and the rest of his high school teammates in the varsity team.

The team dominated the college scene, beating rivals Far Eastern University and the University of the East again and again.

Still, Dio was not able to finish school because he had to make a choice between concentrating on his studies and training hard for national and international competitions.

He also spent a lot of his time training other people in weightlifting, which gave him pocket money.

### International

"I was able to juggle my studies and my schedule with the national team during the first two years, but it became more and more difficult after that," he says. "We were out of the country at least three times a year and my schedule was just too tight."

Powerlifting brought him to countries such as Canada, Japan, China, Korea, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia and, recently Canada.

Among the honors he earned were the gold medal in 1991 Southeast Asian Games held in Manila and the Mr. Philippines titles for five consecutive years, 1987 to 1992. He won bronze medals in bodybuilding in the SEA Games in Indonesia and Malaysia.

### Gold

Now 46, Dio is far from slowing down. He continues to represent the Philippines in powerlifting and bodybuilding competitions.

He was the gold medalist in this year's Iron Man master's division (40 years old and above) and won a silver in last year's World Masters powerlifting championship in Saskatchewan, Canada.

In the Canada meet, he lifted 59 pounds to win a silver in the dead-lift event. His total lift in the middleweight (181 pounds) category was 1,470 pounds.

People now come to him for personal training to lose or gain weight, or simply to lead a healthy and stress-free life.

### Positive

The weightlifting honors are still coming, but Dio says he finds more fulfillment when he sees his clients achieving their goals.

"They feel better, look better and are generally more positive about other aspects of their lives," he says. "I am happy to have played a part in their journey."

Dio is now one of the most sought after personal trainers in the country. He has clients from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and then again from 6:30 p.m. to as late as 10 p.m. Only his Sundays are free, and he spends them with his wife and their 11-year-old son.

### Focused

Dio says he makes it a point to make his clients work hard to get their money's worth.

"I want to be with people who really want to work out and shape up," he says. "I help them do that but they have to be serious with me because I stay focused on them, too."

Dio says his work as a personal trainer at Fitness International, Gold's Gym and Clark Hatch earns him enough for a comfortable life.

"I have been in the fitness industry for more than 20 years and I feel I still have about five to 10 years in me before I retire," Dio says. "Until then I want to train more people so that they will continue my work when I walk away from weightlifting and bodybuilding."

AYALA CINEMAS

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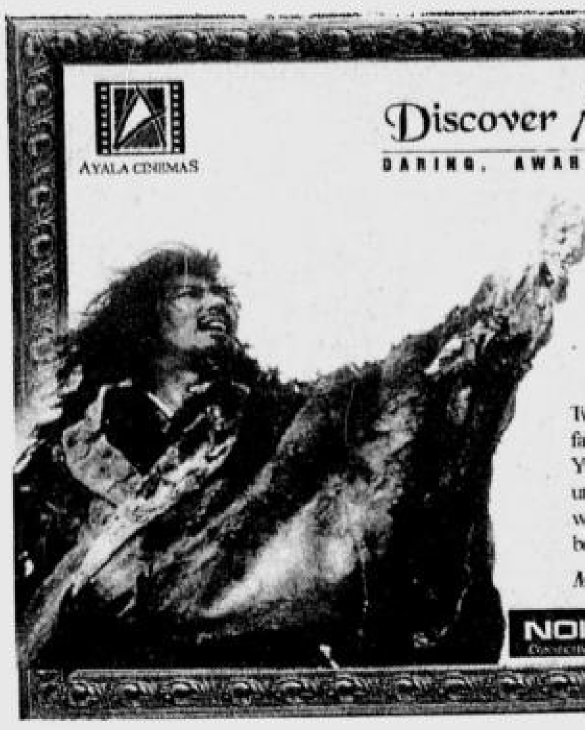

## NOW SHOWING

The Yin-Yang Master,

*Starring: Mansai Nomura, Hideaki Ito, Hiroyuki Sanada, Kyoko Koizumi, Eriko Emai, Directed by Yojiro Takita*

Two noble families compete for the emperor's favors. In their quest for power, they enlist the Yin-Yang Masters, Seimei & Doson. But an unforseen evil takes hold of Doson who now wants the emperor's throne for himself. It will be up to Seimei to stop him.

*MTRCB Rating: Parental Guidance 13 (PG13)*

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| 2 (SDDS) | MEN IN BLACK 2 |
| 3 (DTS) | MINORITY REPORT |
| 4 GOLD (DTS) | MEGIDDO |
| 5 GOLD (DOLBY) | SUM OF ALL FEARS |
| 6 GOLD (SDDS) | SORORITY BOYS |
| 7 GOLD (DOLBY) | MEN IN BLACK 2 |
| 8 | 40 DAYS & 40 NIGHTS |
| 9 | THE THIRD WHEEL |
| 10 | HIGH CRIMES |

### Pearl Plaza Cinemas

(Parañaque) tel. 853.4486

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| 1 | RESERVE |
| 2 | HANGGANG KAILAN AKO PAPATAY |
| 3 (DTS) | RESERVE |
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Golden Pearl THX

### Masagana CINEMA

TEL. 551 63 87

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| 1 | HANGGANG KAILAN AKO PAPATAY |
| 2 | MEN IN BLACK 2 |
| 3 | MEGIDDO |

### starmall Movies

(Shaw Blvd.) tel 724.4986

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| 1 | MEGIDDO |
| 2 | DOG SOLDIER |
| 3 | HANGGANG KAILAN AKO PAPATAY |
| 4 (DOLBY DIGITAL) | MEN IN BLACK 2 |
| 5 | LIGAYA PANTASYA NG BAYAN |

### METROPOLIS star

tel 850.4285

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| 1 | MEN IN BLACK 2 |
| 2 | HIYAS |
| 3 | HANGGANG KAILAN AKO PAPATAY |
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### PREMIERE CINEMA THX

(Makati City) TEL. 751-2010 TO 13

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| 1 | MEN IN BLACK 2 |

### Center Plaza Cinema

(Balanga, Bataan) tel (047) 237.7007

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| 1 | KAPALIT |
| 2 | BAD COMPANY |

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### Spring

(Libertad, Pasay City) tel 831.7864

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### Sunshine

(FTI, Taguig) tel 838.4301 loc. 3376

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| 1 | JIHAD WARRIORS |
| 2 | HANGGANG KAILAN AKO PAPATAY |
| 3 | LAKAS AT PAG IBIG |
| 4 | BUSINESS PLEASURES |

### GOTESCO CINEMA

### Gotesco City

(Manila) tel 734.8588

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| 4 | HANGGANG KAILAN AKO PAPATAY |
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| 7 (DTS) | MEGIDDO |
| 8 (SDDS) | SORORITY BOYS |
| 9 (DOLBY) | DOG SOLDIER |

### Gotesco Caloocan

tel 362.3508

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### Gotesco Grand Central

(Caloocan) tel 364.3781

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| 3 | DOG SOLDIER |
| 4 (SDDS) | MEGIDDO |
| 5 | FOREVERMORE |
| 6 (DOLBY) | MEN IN BLACK 2 |
| 7 (DTS) | SORORITY BOYS |
| 8 | KATAWAN MO ... |
| 9 | ALL ABOUT BENJAMIN |

### Gotesco Commonwealth

tel 951.0083

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### Gotesco Ortigas

tel 656.6795

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| 2 | KAPALIT |
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| 5 (SDDS) | MEN IN BLACK 2 |

### Universal

(Manila) tel 733.2470

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### Sampaguita

(Cubao) tel 911.7888

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### Dilson

(Manila) tel 734.7724

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### MARKETPLACE Mandaluyong

tel 533.3851 / 533.3856

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### Prima

(Pasig) tel 641.1215

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### Isetann Cinerama Complex Recto SUPER CINERAMA

tel 733.4238

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| 5 | MEGIDDO |

### New Divisoria Mall DIVISORIA CINEMA

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| 2 | MEN IN BLACK 2 |

### Berma

TEL. 879 21 68 / 879 21 67

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| 1 | HANGGANG KAILAN AKO PAPATAY |
| 2 | MEN IN BLACK 2 |

### CitiMall

(Parañaque) tel 820.7269

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### CINEMA 2000

### Cinema 2000 Target Mall

(Sta. Rosa Laguna) tel (049) 534.2185 / 534.2198

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| 1 | 40 DAYS & 40 NIGHTS |
| 2 | LIGAYA PANTASYA NG BAYAN |
| 3 (DTS) | MEN IN BLACK 2 |

### Cinema 2000 Waltermart

(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7383

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| 1 | MONSTER BALL |
| 2 (DTS) | POWERPUFF GIRLS |
| 3 (DOLBY) | MEN IN BLACK 2 |
| 4 | ALL ABOUT BENJAMIN |

### Cinema 2000 Pavilion Mall

(Biñan) tel (049) 411.1146

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| 2 (DOLBY) | MEN IN BLACK 2 |
| 3 (DTS) | POWERPUFF GIRLS |
| 4 | ALL ABOUT BENJAMIN |

### Cinema 2000 Cinemagix

(Urdaneta) tel(075) 568.6771

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| 3 | BAD COMPANY |
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### Cinema 2000 MetroTown

(Tarlac) tel(045) 982.1729

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| 3 (DOLBY) | MEN IN BLACK 2 |
| 4 (DTS) | POWERPUFF GIRLS |

### Lianas Cinema

(Alabang) tel 850.1276

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| 1 (SDDS) | RESERVE |
| 2 | DROGA |
| 3 | HIYAS |
| 4 (DTS) | HANGGANG KAILAN .. |

### Lianas MovieCity

(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7202

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| 5 | MONSTER BALL |

### Olivarez Tri-Cinema

(Biñan) tel (049) 511.8883

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| 1 | MEN IN BLACK 2 |
| 2 | BENEATH LOCHNESS |
| 3 | SELDA |

### Olivarez Los Baños

tel (049) 249-2558

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| 2 | BAD COMPANY |
| 3 | SELDA |

### Olivarez Tagaytay

tel (046) 413.0311

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### Morales Cinema

(Biñan) tel (049) 511.9736

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### Cabuyao

(Laguna City) tel (049) 531.4808

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### Fourstep

(Cavite) tel (046) 416.2385

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### Emperor

(Rosario Cavite) tel (046) 438.1657

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### Fiesta World Mall

(Lipa) tel (043) 981.0790

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| 2 | POWERPUFF GIRLS |
| 3 | MONSTER BALL |
| 4 | A WALK TO REMEMBER |

### Jade Cinema

(Angeles City) tel (045) 887.5001 to 03

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| 8 | FOREVERMORE |

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| 5 | MEN IN BLACK 2 |
| 6 | KAPALIT |
| 7 | MEN IN BLACK 2 |
| 8 | SUM OF ALL FEARS |
| 9 | MINORITY REPORT |
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### SM CITY FAIRVIEW

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| 7 | SORORITY BOYS |
| 8 | DOG SOLDIERS |
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### SM SOUTHMALL

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# Why Fritz . . .

From page A25

"If the crowd sings with you and they clap, then suddenly you are her (Diana)," he says.

But more than the applause or the full house, "Illusione" aims to uplift the plight of gay impersonators.

"We want other people to respect the gays who do this kind of job," James maintains.

Encore for "Illusione" will present new divas such as **Barbra Streisand, Marilyn Monroe, Liza Minneli, Celine Dion, Chaka Khan,** plus a gorgeous **Zsa Zsa Padilla** with a matching comedy king partner.

The new performers will join the likes of **Madonna, Mariah Carey, Jennifer Lopez, Donna Summer** and even **Sharon Cuneta.**

"Just to imagine all the divas together on one stage is really fun and exciting," says producer **Nina Romualdez. Mita Francisco** completes the triumvirate of women producers behind Bahaghari Productions.

Aside from James Cooper, **Arnel Ignacio** will also join the cast. Arnel, however, will not simply reprise his **Oprah Winfrey** character but will do lead male characters.

Before the Star Theater run, "Illusione" will be staged in Davao City on Aug. 2 and 3, Cebu City on Aug. 9 and 10.

The Star Theater performances are on Aug. 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31.

"Illusione" will also be presented in Pampanga on Sept. 6 and 7.

### Prayers

CONDOLENCE to the family of People's Journal editor **Ester Dipasupil**, whose mother **Leonida Gran Dipasupil** died Thursday morning. The wake is at the Arlington Funeral Homes on Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Prayers are also needed for the mother of scriptwriter **Bibeth Orteza, Pascuala Orteza,** who's in very serious condition, according to the text message sent by Maverick Films line producer **Tatus Aldana.**

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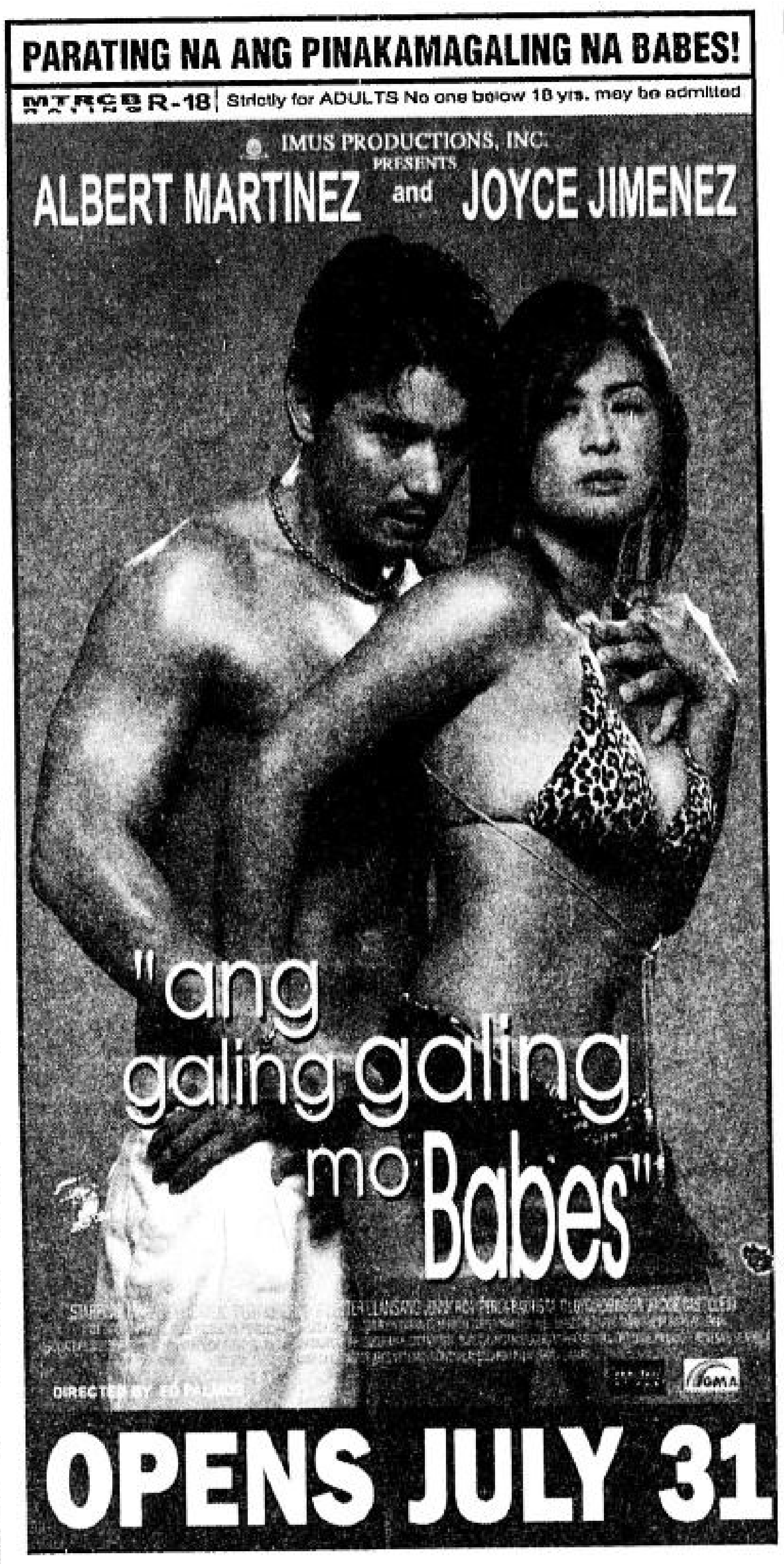
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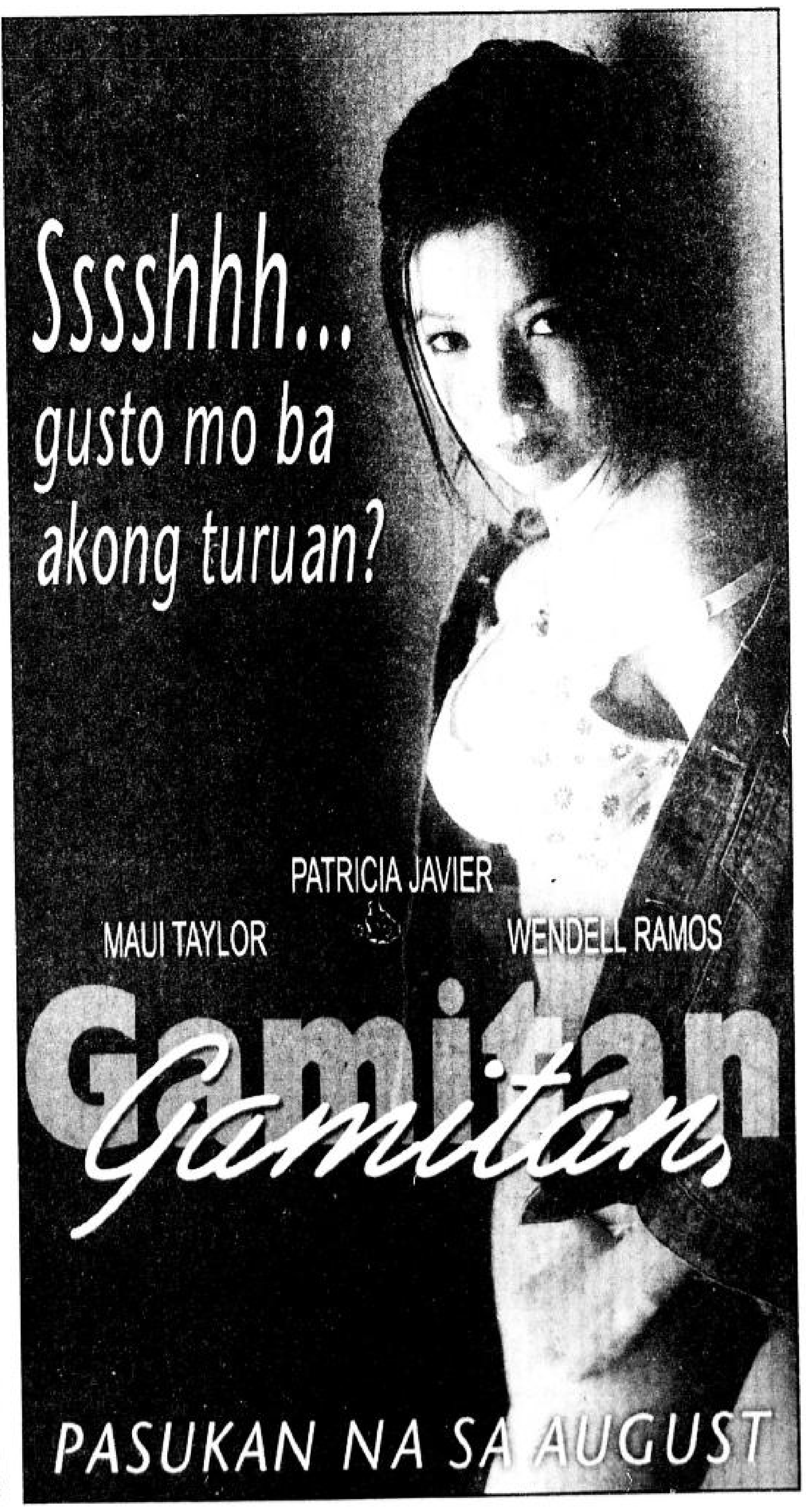
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# Eye candy and popcorn

**VIEWFINDER**

*Nestor U. Torre*

WATCHING "Men In Black II" is like wolfing down a second tub of popcorn—it's sporadically yummy but eventually sating. The sequel sustains the original's cheeky attitude, whiz-bang special effects and alien critters that look like freaky refugees from **Charles Darwin**'s worst drug-induced nightmare, but it's all been done before.

For some viewers, this isn't such a bad deal. They don't really mind going through pretty much the same cinematic territory. In fact, that can have a rather assuring and even consoling appeal to it, like an old refrain or your umpteenth New Year's resolution.

So, fans of the "Men in Black" format may not mind and could even enjoy this second canter around the park. What's important is not so much the plot, which in this movie is thin to the point of evanescence, but the trendy, with-it, cheeky and oh-so-familiar format.

People enjoy the "Men in Black" format because it's a futuristic take-off on the old and doddering James Bond film franchise. Like Agent 007, **Will Smith** and **Tommy Lee Jones** are sartorially smart, only they're fighting not your ordinary Dr. No or squat orientals with steel mandibles, but really freaky aliens from outer space!

It's a far-out send-off, and fans enjoy it. In this sequel, the aliens' visually entertaining antics include female villainness **Lara Flynn-Boyle** filling an entire room with her snake-like minions by the millions coming out of her mouth and fingertips.

Our favorite, however, is the much smaller but just as striking moment when the Men in Black open a locker and an entire *nation* of little furry creatures starts singing anthems to them, adoring them as gods. Cute, very cute.

So, we do understand why some people go for this sort of second-hand film fling. On the other hand, there are viewers who like to see something new, genuinely eventful and inspired, not just a continuation of the same, old thing, and they will find this sequel an insufficiently exciting viewing experience. Count us in on that one.

The movie does come up with a sort of plot, all about the need to save a distant planet's populace by retrieving an all-important object—that turns out to be a charm on the bracelet on Will Smith's girlfriend's wrist.

But the story is so slight and light that it can't support the movie's huge chase and fight scenes, which all too soon become their own excuse for being.

So, "Men in Black II" is eye candy and popcorn, nothing less—and little more.

### 'Cartoon Cartoons'

FOR three Saturdays in August, Cartoon Network brings three solid hours of fun to viewers with "Cartoon Cartoons" (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

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# Why Fritz is no longer directing 'Illusione'

**SHOWBIZ TIDBITS**

*Leah Salterio*

"ILLUSIONE," the spectacular production staged early this year featuring brilliant impersonators, will have an encore in a new and bigger venue, the Star Theater at the CPP Complex, starting Aug. 16.

This time, however, choreographer **Douglas Nierras** will be at the helm of the Bahaghari Production presentation, instead of the original director, the irrepressible **Fritz Ynfante.**

Fritz reportedly had a verbal bout with "Illusione" producer **Margie Moran-Floirendo,** but it's not true that he was taken out of the production because of that incident. Even before the initial run of "Illusione" ended, Fritz and Margie had patched things up.

"Fritz is doing something else so when the re-run was offered to him, he declined," explained hairdresser **James Cooper**, who will reprise his **Diana Ross** act.

According to James, it's also not true that Fritz is not directing the show anymore because he was also at odds with some of the performers.

Douglas was the choreographer when Fritz directed "Illusione." The show dazzled the audience with its display of lights and costumes in scintillating production numbers.

"Half the cast members is new," Douglas offers. "They are talents who have not stepped onstage before in their life nor did they have the discipline of theater."

The new "Illusione" will be staged in a bigger space, with new surprises within the numbers. But it will retain the original highlights, like the "Swan Lake" suite and the Black divas medley which includes Cooper's Diana Ross act.

"I enjoyed doing Diana Ross the first time," said James. "I thought that was it for me. I don't want to make it a profession. But they didn't want to do this new production without me, so I was convinced to do it again. I thought, there's nothing wrong with doing Diana Ross again."

Before James became a noted hairstylist in Manila, he was an impersonator who toured the United States with pop diva **Cher**.

"I traveled with Cher for eight years doing Diana Ross and **Carol Channing,**" James shares. "It's a challenge to do the character to perfection. It's an art. You have to study the character before doing it. The makeup alone takes two hours. It's a must that the star should be one of your favorites before you can impersonate her.

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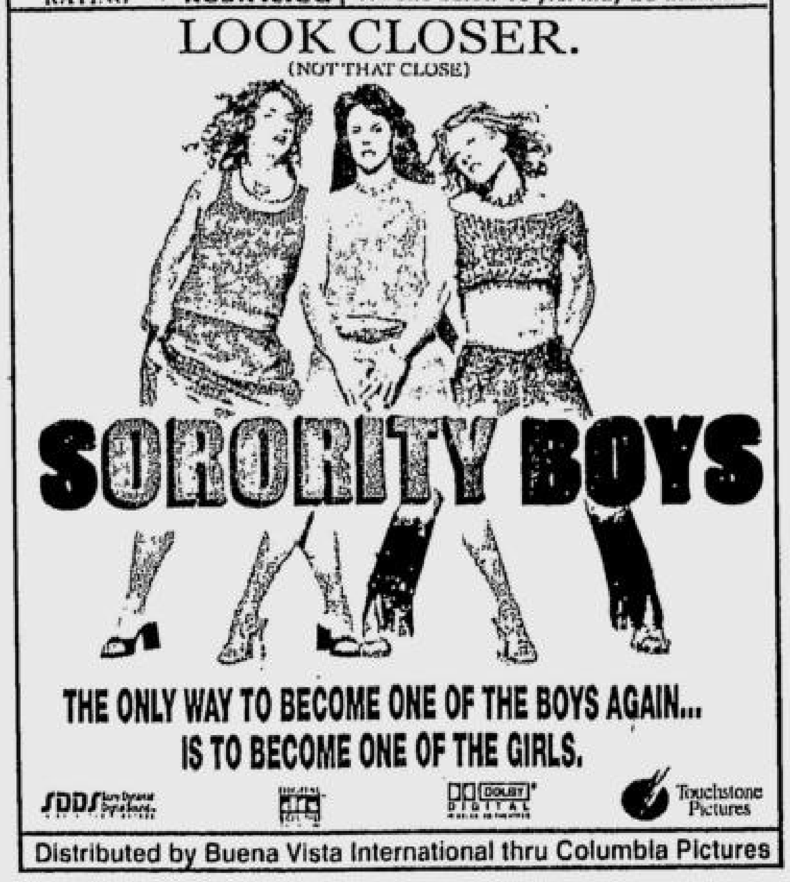

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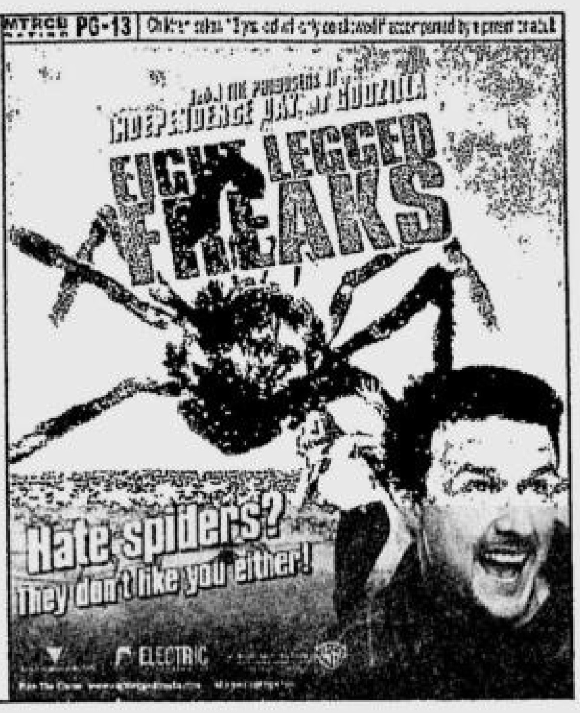

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Semitec Electronics Philippines, Inc. recently entered as a major sponsor of "Good Morning, Cavite," a Sunday morning program hosted by Governor Maliksi on 558 RMN News Manila. The radio show is produced by John Susi, who is also Maliksi's co-host.

A veteran radio personality, Susi also anchors ABC 5's daily news program at 5 p.m. Mondays to Fridays.

"Good Morning Cavite" airs from 9 to 10 a.m. Now gaining a wide following even among Caviteños based in the US, the radio program is often referred to as "every Caviteño's 9 o'clock habit."

Through the program, Governor Maliksi updates his constituents on the status of his existing projects, informs them of new ones coming up and solves a caller's problem or complaint on the spot during a portion of the program titled "Isumbong Mo Kay Gob."

Semitec managing director and treasurer Naokazu Sasaki told Maliksi in a recent courtesy call at the governor's office in Trece Martires City that his "company is 100 percent supportive of your leadership in Cavite. We find the thrust of your program very helpful and encouraging for foreign investors like us."

# 'Partners' sixth year special

THE country's favorite TV partners, Mel Tiangco and Jay Sonza, celebrate six years with an anniversary special on "Partners: Mel and Jay," which airs at 5:30 p.m. today on GMA 7.

To celebrate this important milestone, Mel and Jay will have a one-of-a-kind concert cum talk show featuring the country's premier recording artists.

As part of the grand celebration, reminisce with Mel and Jay as they give you a blast from the past and recall all the celebrities who graced the show.

They will also give viewers a peek at how they looked then and where fate has brought them today.

"Partners" will also feature an eclectic mix country's top artists as guests.

Expected to grace the show are Jaya, Karylle, Sex Bomb Dancers, Kyla, Dingdong Dantes, Tanya Garcia, Nina Ricci Alagao, Nancy Castiglione, Alma Moreno, Paolo Ballesteros, Arnel Ignacio, Rustom Padilla, Joko Diaz, Jomari Yllana, KC Montero and many more.

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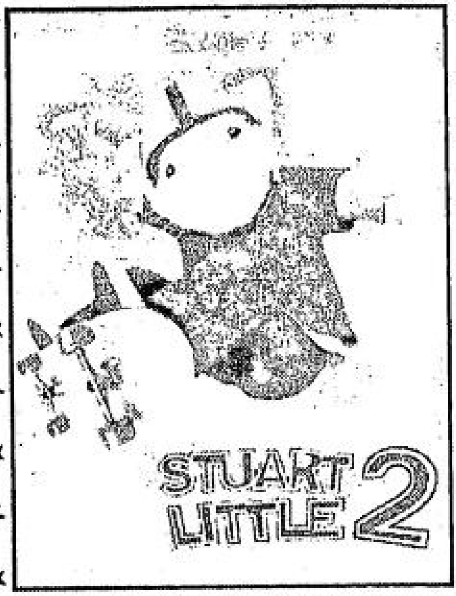

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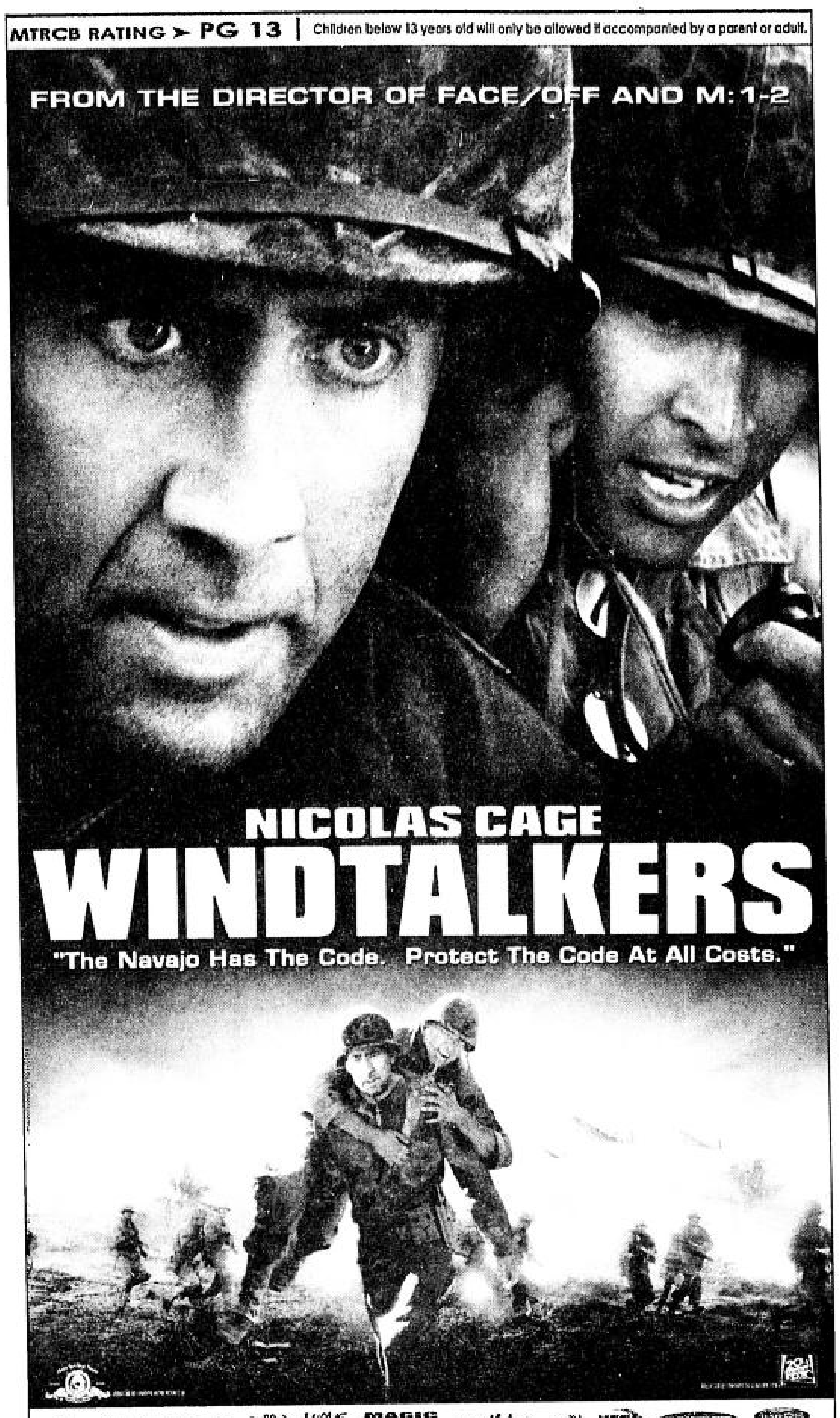
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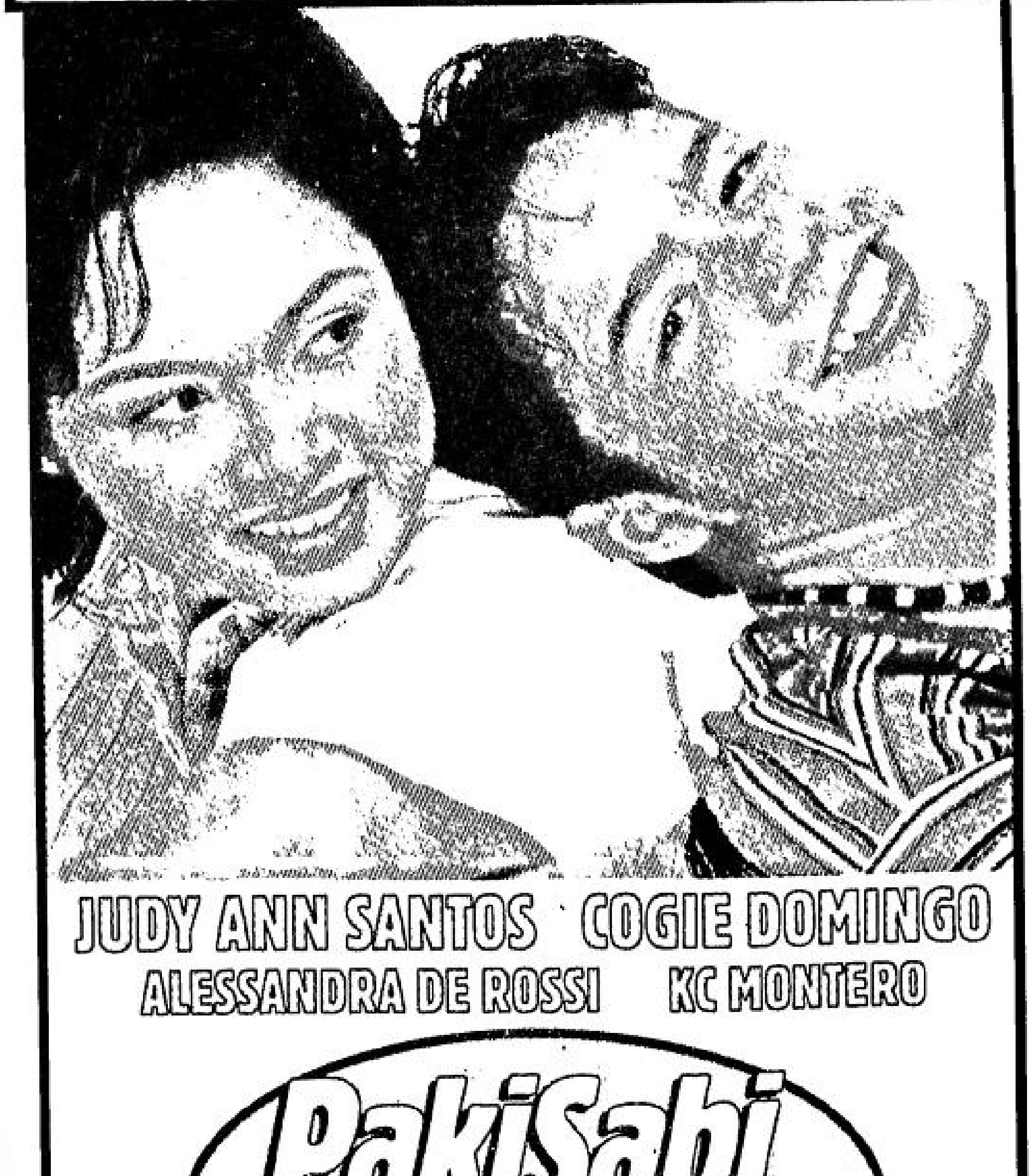

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tending I had complete control over it even when I did not.

**How does it feel to have the whole country know your entire life story?**

You know what, I actually don't remember how it was to be someone who life wasn't really known by the whole country. I've always learned to separate. Let's say *mainit ang ulo ko,* I have a big problem, I'm in a very serious mood and then someone comes up to me to say hi. I smile up to her and say hi, too. My training was, *wala namang kinalaman yung tao sa problem ko, 'di ba?* And to me, that's not being plastic, that's just being civil. That's my nature. Why will I be *masungit* to somebody who's just saying hi to me? Most of the time, I don't really mind. I mind if other people are bothered.

**(Second daughter) Frankie looks so much like her dad (Sen. Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan).**

Now she has both our looks. You'll be surprised. We saw pictures of KC when she was around that age, and we said, *"kapatid nga niya!"* And Frankie now, when we say grace, she supplies the "Amen."

**You're a voracious reader. How big is your library?**

I have an attic in my house, which is about three-fourths the size of one floor, and I have a library aside from that attic that's still overflowing. I still have books in (Dasmariñas Village, Makati), my mom's house. You know KC, *naabutan pa niya yung mga* Nancy drew books *ko. Binasa pa niya yun.* Oh yeah, she also loves to read, but I think at this age they like to go out more.

I like Stephen King.

**Danielle Steele?**

Yeah. I also read a lot of (Sidney) Sheldon, a few (John) Grisham. I like Arthur Hailey.

I grew up on Roger Moore's James Bond, *eh.* My brother, who is five years older than I, took me to Bruce Lee movies. My influences were all males--my dad, brother, *lolo.* Remember those back-to-back movies in Baguio? Kung fu movies with unknown actors? I think I was the only eight-year-old who cried when Bruce Lee died. And I remember the Ali-Frazier fight. My dad and I were for Ali. *Basta kung kanino kampi ang* daddy *ko, dun din ako.*

**How much do you miss the late mayor?**

So much. Very often I think of him. I ask my mom, "I wonder if he sees us?" When I'm crying I tell my *yaya,* do you think Daddy sees me? I miss embracing him.

**When was the last time you cried in public?**

Recently. I've been very emotional especially about this concert. I'm overwhelmed by the thought that I've been in the business for over 25 years already. To think I've just had a movie recently released. And it's not 25 years *na hindi ka na pinapansin* in the last 10 years. It's 25 years and you just recently had a movie, a CD. *Parang,* Lord, why so much? Do I even deserve it?

**You went away to live in Boston . . .**

I think I shocked everybody then. "She worked so hard for her career, her show, and then all of a sudden she got married and this guy wanted to live in the Utates and she's going?" Kiko said, "You don't have to come. You can visit me every three months." I said, why did we get married *pa?* I have to be by my husband's side, *'di ba?* 1996 we got married, 1997 we left.

**He'll be there for you for good?**

That's my prayer.

**May we talk about the first marriage?**

Sure. As much as I can . . . (laughs)

**You said your dad was supportive of the marriage, but that was not the perception of the people.**

My father was against the marriage because I was really young. But once I was married, he gave me his support. *Kasi ako rin ang magsa-suffer eh.*

**Wasn't he against (Gabby)?**

He was afraid that I would be hurt. *Alam niya yun, pabling din siya, eh.* But once I got married I never heard anything from Daddy or Mommy. It was only when I went back and said I've left (my husband), that was when everything came out and when I got upset. I said, "Why are you telling me all these things just now?" But then that's the past.

**Do you have regrets?**

Apparently, obviously, because I'm only human. I wouldn't call it a mistake, though, because it really turned me into a stronger person. I could not even imagine this strength before. I didn't know I had it in me. The marriage gave me a beautiful, wonderful daughter. And from the bottom of my heart I really wish him well.

In fact, I want his life to be straightened out because he'll always be half of my daughter's make-up. I want my daughter to go to a nurturing environment if and when she does get to visit him someday.

Everything was for the sake of KC. I kept my mouth shut all those years because of KC, no matter what he said. No one up to now heard it straight from me, why the marriage broke up, up to this day. All for KC.

**Does she know why your marriage broke up?**

Of course. She's my daughter, she knows me. She knows why I really fell in love, she knows why he broke my heart. I always tell her, "My mom gave me advice, maybe more than half of it were things she heard from her parents, some of it she experienced. I'm telling you from first-hand experience, so you listen. I had to go through with it. So I hope I went through it for you."

**Why does she refer to her dad as "my biological father," not "daddy" or "papa"?**

Just so there'll be no confusion. She calls Gabby "papa" and Kiko "daddy."

**They're not in touch?**

I don't know now. But they were, for a while. But she usually would tell me. I don't mind. I never discouraged it. All for KC. No matter how angry I was. . .

When we were getting a church annulment, we went through all these interviews. There was a priest, who I think was a psychiatrist, and he asked me "Why did you get married in the first place when you have absolutely nothing in common? Mentally, emotionally."

I said, "Well, Father, that's how it is when you're in love and you're young and everybody adores your love team and you think it's a fairy tale and you're Cinderella and there's your prince."

**What do you tell your daughter about fairy tales?**

My daughter is not the type who will settle down young.

**Are you encouraging that?**

No. I think girls nowadays have more options. They know that they have this whole range of choices that I don't think we knew we had then. She's not like me. All I wanted was to be a mother already. The irony of it is, that was my biggest dream and it was kept away from me for a long time. I was given everything except that. *Ngayon lang Niya ibinigay ito.* It has got to be Kiko *talaga.*

**You really love Kiko.**

We enjoy each other's company. We like talking. When we joke, we're really funny. When we're serious, I appreciate that I can talk to him and he can talk to me.

**What's more often, serious or funny?**

Funny. We're really John and Marsha, down to the *puruntong* shorts. He's really corny.

**How serious do your discussions get?**

Oh, Jesus! I'm a very passionate person. Let's just put it that way. No matter what I do there's always some passion involved. You know, I worry about where my nephews are going to go to school, etc. and Kiko would say, "That's the problem of Kuya." There's always concern in my head.

You know, I watched "The Correspondents" episode called "Gutom," about people who have never even had a taste of beef. You know how poor they were? They would share a plate of *kamatis* and rice. *Pinag-aagawan ng magkakapatid. Hinagulgulan ko yun.* I complained to Kiko. He would always say, "wait, stop, let's analyze it." I'm super emotional. He's my stress buster. He would say, "Honey, you cannot solve the problem of the whole world." I would say, "Look who's talking."

I would always tell KC when she was younger, "You know, Cookie, those children also want to be in school but their parents don't have the means. So when you grow up, try to remember to try to help."

When she arrived from France, this is what she texted me (scrolls down her cell phone to retrieve text message from KC). My daughter makes me so proud. Here, look, this is KC. This was July 18, she says to me, "Ma, can I visit the Bantay-Bata you're talking about?"

**Who's your role model?**

Oprah. Remember she really is self-made. She finished school and she's using her medium, her position, to be a good influence.

Last night I cried at Martin (Nievera)'s show again. I'm so grateful to him. Do you know Martin is (appearing in my concert) without a talent fee? He refuses. It took only one text message from me. He moved his schedules around.

**Are you aware of how powerful you are?**

I don't know. I don't want to know. If I can continue or improve on how I use it the way Oprah does, then I will not mind it. But I don't wake up asking, "So, how powerful am I today?" One day it's going to go and I don't want to be shocked out of my senses. I know I have some degree of influence, but I hope it's used for the good. What I'm sure of is how I respect the people around me, from the producer to the utility man.

**Will you ever enter politics?**

I can't say never. But I've been asked every year and my answer has always been the same, no. But you'll never know what will change eh, *'di ba?*

I leave that to my husband. He's better equipped for the job.

**What did you take after your dad?**

My daddy was the cowboy. He was the one who ate with his hands, like Kiko, like me at times. My mommy is Miss Culture. You have to know which fork to use, which spoon, etc. So she could take us to the squatters area and then to Malacañang and we would not have a problem. So, even the way we are with people, my brother and I. He's a pilot for Cebu Pacific. He's the only Cuneta there.

It's the way we were raised. I have no problem talking with the President of the Philippines and with the utility man who brings me my coffee after shooting. It's a gift from my dad and my mom.

My mom? A lot of my dad's work in Pasay was successful because my mom worked behind it. She was always the supportive spouse. She had no career of her own.

**What's your favorite of all your songs?**

(Thinks hard) I really like "Bituing Walang Ningning." I liked it even before I knew that I like that song to be my life.

**How are you in private, at home?**

I'm the same. My friends, family have to drag me out of the house, or they would have to bring food because I love staying home. My favorite hours are unfortunately from midnight up to sunrise.

**How are you as a TV host?**

Improving. It's always neck-and-neck with "Mel and Jay." One of the most painful things I had to contend with when I got back from Boston was that my show had to be up against theirs. I've always loved them, eh.

From the very beginning I told my writers, I'm an *artista.* I will only treat my guests the way I expect or want to be treated in a show. I don't like to make intrigue. I'm always respectful to my fellow *artista.* Though I try to push, that's part of my job. But I always set limits for myself.

I'm still trying to better myself as a host. I'm a better interviewee than an interviewer.

(I get carried away but) it's not a huge burden. This is how I am. If I try to stop vit, like I've tried many times, that's not me. Just as I give my all when I do a belly laugh, that is also how I cry. If you know me, you know that's natural. I cry when I have reason to.

**What happens when you're angry?**

I have a really mean temper. But it takes a lot to push me to the wall. You have to be pretty special. I'd rather that I let off steam.

I don't like inefficient people. (Otherwise) I'm very patient.

Sometimes, I feel I'm too friendly so maybe that's abused. That's my problem, so I've learned to kind of stand up for myself. Even with my maids. I would complain to Kiko when we were still newly married, how one maid kept on borrowing money from me. Then he would ask, *"Pinahiram mo ba?"* And I'd tell him, *"Oo."* He would say, *"Bakit ka pa dakdak nang dakdak, eh papahiramin mo rin pala."*

There was another maid who went on a day-off for 10 days, then when she got home she expected me to welcome her with open arms. *Para bang hindi siya nag-iisip.*

I don't like people who are not up front with me. I don't bull---t. Sorry for the term. You'll certainly feel it when I'm uncomfortable with you. I only act in front of the cameras. When I cry, that's from here (points to her heart). It takes an Olive (Lamasan, director) to make me do it very easily. But even Joel Lamangan, I have to go up to him and talk to him. You have to talk to me and motivate me to make me cry. Some would talk about my father or some would probably say, "You will never have another child again for the rest of your life." I cannot fathom the feeling of a mother losing a child. I cannot imagine that.

**Do you get physical when you get mad?**

No, not even with my daughter KC. I'm not the kind of mom who spanks her kids.

**You don't throw things?**

Maybe a pencil case, but once in a blue moon. But I will never throw it at someone. And I will never pick up a vase that cost me a lot of money. I've never broken anything in a fit of anger. I will only throw something that's not bound to break. Fits like that are very few and far between. It takes a unique person to push me to that level and really get me angry. I'd rather not scream. I'd rather be alone in a corner with my coffee and a cigarette than screaming my head off.

**Doesn't heartbreak make you angry?**

The hardest part about having a broken heart is having to pretend I was okay because I am in show biz. But still, there are some people who could see through me. It was very hard to keep up a front. When I get inside the car, it's automatic, I would cry.

**Are you frivolous?**

No, not even in the way I pamper myself. It's very simple. I need hair treatment because I need to keep my hair looking healthy on TV. I take care of my nails because I always hold the microphone.

My biggest expenses are books and magazines. If I weren't an actress, I don't think I would need so many things.

I think it also has to do with the things I've been exposed to all my life. It's funny how you try to amass all the wealth you can or achieve all the success you can, only to find out that as you grow older, you will only gravitate toward the simplest joys again. It's so funny how we complicate our lives only to revert to the simple things later on.

**What are the simple things that you enjoy now?**

I value my time alone and my time with my kids. KC was in France for a month and when she came back, we really missed her, so we all sleep in one room now, KC, Frankie, Kiko and I. I like waking up and seeing my kids.

**Dare we ask what you wear in bed?**

*Hay naku, bakya ako.* I like wearing pajamas in bed, like Ally McBeal's long-sleeved flannel pajamas, *'yung makapal,* or an old comfortable soft shirt. *Kung may butas 'yung* shirt, *okay lang.* Kiko wears his *puruntong* shorts.

**What can you say about (Sen. Robert) Jaworski's defection to the administration (yesterday)?**

Of course, I'll say "great" because my husband is with the administration. Let's just leave it at that.

I tell my husband, "I really feel for you because this is such a bad time to be a senator of this country." And for someone with a heart like my husband, you'll feel doubly hurt. I tell him *nga, "Para kayong* Looney Toons *sa* Senate. You don't know who is Yosemite Sam or Bugs Bunny. *Para kayong naglalaro* while the whole country is problematic."

I guess even if you have a heart of gold, you simply cannot solve anyone's problems. You need everybody's cooperation.

**What don't you know?**

A lot. Kiko *nga* was telling me, "If you know what the meaning of life was, *eh di* bored *ka na."*

I cannot understand why there are five-year-old kids on the streets selling sampaguita, when there are children in I.S. (International School) or Assumption. I can understand if there are people on death row who are executed because they committed heinous crimes. But the young beggars, that's rather hard to understand. And the worst part of that is that their parents asked them to beg or sell sampaguitas.

But you know what Sonny Parsons did, I'll go for that. I'm a Christian, but I think if that also happens to my family, especially my children, I'll also kill. They tie you up and point a gun to your head? Of course, you'll kill.

Even if you just cross my property without my permission, that's already trespassing. You are already disrespecting me when you do that.

There's really a whole lot that I don't know. That's why I want to go back to school. If you look around my house, aside from literature and novels, I have so many books about the home -- cooking, gardening, architecture and interior design. I live for those books.

**Not Martha Stewart?**

I'm such a Martha Stweart wannabe, believe me. I have all her books. She was on Oprah's show this morning and I felt so bad that I missed the first 10 minutes.

**What can people expect after 25 years?**

More music.

**What's your top priority?**

That question becomes harder and harder to answer as the years go by. Singing is my first love. I can go onstage even when I'm a *lola.*

But you know, I have to start planning my slowing down. I can't be like this forever. I don't want to wait till I fade out of the business. I want to be like *Ate* Vi (Vilma Santos) who's never forgotten. She can make a movie once every two years and still be critically acclaimed. If I can be like her, fine. But I don't have what she has. *Bilib ako sa kanya.*

I just want to be a normal person. I want to be able to watch a movie again like I did with KC the last time, when we went to watch "Star Wars."

My husband takes the MRT, you know, when traffic is really bad going to the Senate.

**With a bodyguard?**

No, alone. He feels *kasi* he's still a UP student. The driver will just meet him up later at one point.

**What do you do before you go to sleep?**

I pray.

**What do you think of, aside from praying?**

When Rico Yan died, every single day, I really make a conscious effort to ask for forgiveness in case I die. I don't want to not know where I'm going.

Before I sleep, I also think, are the doors locked or are the guards awake? When I know KC is out, I cannot sleep until KC is home. ***Louie C. Camino, Leah Salterio, Marinel Cruz***

**ALL IN THE FAMILY.** Sharon in Boston with daughter KC and Sen. Kiko Pangilinan, before the arrival of second daughter Frankie.

**MORE MUSIC** is coming from her in the next 25 years, says the Megastar.

# ENTERTAINMENT

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## SHARON CUNETA

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### Q & A

**“I'M ONLY HUMAN,” says Sharon.**

“SUPERSTAR,” “divas” and other such appellations have become such a cheap commodity that any upstart can buy any of the starry terms and bandy it about for as long as his/her guts or publicity money could sustain it.

But “Megastar” did not come cheaply. When attached to the name of Sharon Cuneta, it becomes very well deserved indeed. On Sharon's pretty, brainy, well-balanced head, it becomes a crown that fits so snugly there is not a sign of danger that it will slip or fall, even if she has been wearing it for more than two decades now.

And her following, which continues to grow in defiance of the way of most “stars,” is showing no sign either of letting that title go to anyone else. Even as Sharon has been able to preserve what she could of her own private life, and even when she is also the wife of a senator, she remains first of all the people's own, their singer, their actress, their role model. A lesser star would have faded away and blinked out a long time ago; Sharon remains because she is, well, a megastar.

“I actually don't remember how it was to be someone whose life wasn't really known by the whole country,” the megastar says in this interview.

For two nights, on Aug. 16 and 17, she will mark her first 25 years in show business, with a concert at the Araneta Coliseum, which is a fitting place, the Biggest Venue for the Biggest Star. In a recent press conference, she vowed she would still be singing even in her granny years, which could be another 25 years.

Sharon strides, she doesn't walk, into the restaurant a few minutes past the appointment time, shakes hands with those she meets for the first time, and kisses on the cheek those she already knows. She is in a glittering gray caftan that shows off one smooth shoulder. The Fanny Serrano makeup looks very good on her. Sharon has never looked better, and she continues to work at looking good. She orders a diet coke saying, “I'm on a strict diet.” It shows, too.

In the following interview, find out, as the INQUIRER did, why Sharon Cuneta is the megastar, and why she is bound to remain the megastar for many more years.

**So (your daughter) KC is in France?**

No, she arrived na. Last week, after a whole month in Toulouse. We didn't go to Toulouse when we went to France. But now she says, “Mama I have to bring you there.” She knows I like the province more than the city. It's very quiet *daw* there, very laid back. She lived with a French family and they weren't allowed to speak in any other language.

**Do you really feel like a mother to KC?**

That's one of the disadvantages, I think, of having a child when you're actually still a child yourself. I was 19 (when I had her), remember? What happens is, when they start growing up, the line of authority becomes a little blurred because your ages are so close. *Parang* sometimes you have to say, *teka muna*, I'm your mother.

I think I'm more relaxed than my mother was with me. I'm strict about things because I always tell (KC), there has to be a *bruha, eh. Napakawalang kuwenta kong ina* if I just let you do what you want to do and I'm not thinking of what's good for you.

**What kind of daughter were you?**

I wish my mom were here to answer that. It's actually my pride that I've actually been a good daughter. The only times I think I hurt my parents was when I fell in love a couple of times when I was really really young, or when I fell in love with someone that they knew wasn't really going to be there for me.

In my first marriage (to actor Gabby Concepcion), my parents did not interfere. My father (late Pasay City Mayor Pablo Cuneta), *bilib ako*. He was very supportive. When the marriage ended, *diyan lang naglabasan ang mga alam nila*. They never really told me anything during the marriage. I had to learn the hard way. People tell me, maybe the Lord said, “Your parents have the best intentions for you, *ang tigas ng ulo mo. Inilalayo na kita, sige pa ang pilit mo.* So this is the only way you'll learn.” I certainly did.

**Was that the hardest lesson you've learned?**

One of the hardest lessons, not really the hardest. It was probably my turning point. That was what turned me into a workaholic. I've never been self-destructive, *eh*. Whenever I failed in an area of my life, I always made it a point to push myself to excel in another. The most convenient is my career. I was pre-

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## *From tricycle driver to review queen*

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

**ALFEREZ today in front of her MSA Building along Katipunan Avenue.**

MERLE Alferez has always been a little different from the others ever since she was a young girl.

The eldest of 12 children, the 14-year-old high school student stood out from the rest because she drove a tricycle in 1967 to help augment the family income.

She would ply the route in Industrial Valley, Marikina, from 4:30 p.m. after school until 9 p.m. She earned 50 centavos per person and she would use her earnings to buy milk and *baon* for her siblings.

Alferez brought in P14 a day and it was more than enough to buy the dozen cans of evaporated milk for the family, which cost 65 centavos each.

During weekends, she would drive the tricycle all day.

She says she had no choice but to pitch in because her parents' income was not enough to feed them and to put them through school. Her father was a government employee and her mother tended a vegetable garden and sold the produce in the market.

People who saw her would have likely dismissed her to be just another tricycle driver, albeit a lady driver. But she knew early on that she was more than just that.

"I always brought my books with me and I caught up with my studies while I was waiting for my turn at the tricycle terminal. I always felt that education would be my ticket out of poverty so I did not mind driving my tricycle while I was studying," Alferez explains.

She persevered even if she took her meals at odd times, saying that she would stop eating her lunch if she sees a customer. She does not even eat merienda to save more and

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# Exec found career in classified ads

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

**ABADILLA today.**

RAMON S. Abadilla, managing director of Du Pont Far East Inc.'s operations in the Philippines, did most things by the book. After finishing a Chemical Engineering degree in 1978, he regularly scanned the classified ads looking for job openings.

Every Monday morning, his mother would ask him where he was off to and he would tell her he was going to apply for a job. She would give him fare money for his troubles.

Abadilla describes himself as a "very average student" but he is persistent and has a genuine interest in people.

While many feel bad about going through numerous unsuccessful job interviews, Abadilla wanted to go to as many as he could, and use these interviews to gain experience in answering questions.

After about 11 applications, positive responses from about three, he landed a job with a small firm that manufactured food seasoning—Griffith Laboratories.

"Griffith was the kind of company I could have stayed in for long," Abadilla comments. But fate had other plans.

He asked for P850 a month at Griffith, but he got P1,000 on the condition that he passes the Chemical Engineering Board. He did.

Despite being a new graduate, Abadilla was made supervisor of about 20 people.

While he sincerely likes people and working with them, Abadilla admits to being sensitive during his younger days.

"I left because of problems with one of my subordinates. I felt that if I lost the respect of my people, then it was time to go," he explains.

Ironically, his people tried and convinced him to stay on at Griffith, including the man he had a conflict with.

### FIRST JOB.

Abadilla, however, would not be convinced, so he went job hunting again. But he did not look at the classified ads anymore, instead dropping by offices that entertained walk-in applicants.

One of these was Petrophil (predecessor of Petron Corp.), which posted an opening for an engineer on its bulletin board.

He got the job and was assigned to the Bataan Refining Co. in Limay where he got P2,000 a month. His job was to keep oil wastage to a minimum.

Since Petrophil was a much bigger company than Griffith, it also had more employees and jobs were more specific. This was a big change for Abadilla who was already handling people and making major decisions right after graduation.

**GRADE 7 graduation at San Beda.**

He said Petrophil was "more bureaucratic."

After a couple of years, Abadilla got married and they would go to Bataan on Monday mornings and then go back to Manila on Fridays. It was good at first, but Abadilla wanted to leave because he did not want to raise his children in Bataan.

So it was back to the Sunday classified ads for Abadilla. This time he saw the ad of the firm he would stay with for almost 20 years.

He first heard of Du Pont when a manager, Danny Sta. Maria, taught part time at the University of Sto. Tomas. He heard him give a career talk which discussed how Du Pont put a high value on its people.

Abadilla says Du Pont caught his attention but he never thought of applying with the firm, so it came as a surprise when he received a telex from Du Pont one day before his scheduled interview.

He was still in Bataan so his wife, the former Cynthia Mercado, haggled with the HR of Du Pont to give her husband more time to go to Manila for the interview. The Abadillas were not disappointed as he was hired after four interviews.

From a salary of P2,500 a month at Petrophil, he asked for P3,000.

"They told me 'No we are not giving you P3,000, we are giving you twice that—P6,000," Abadilla says.

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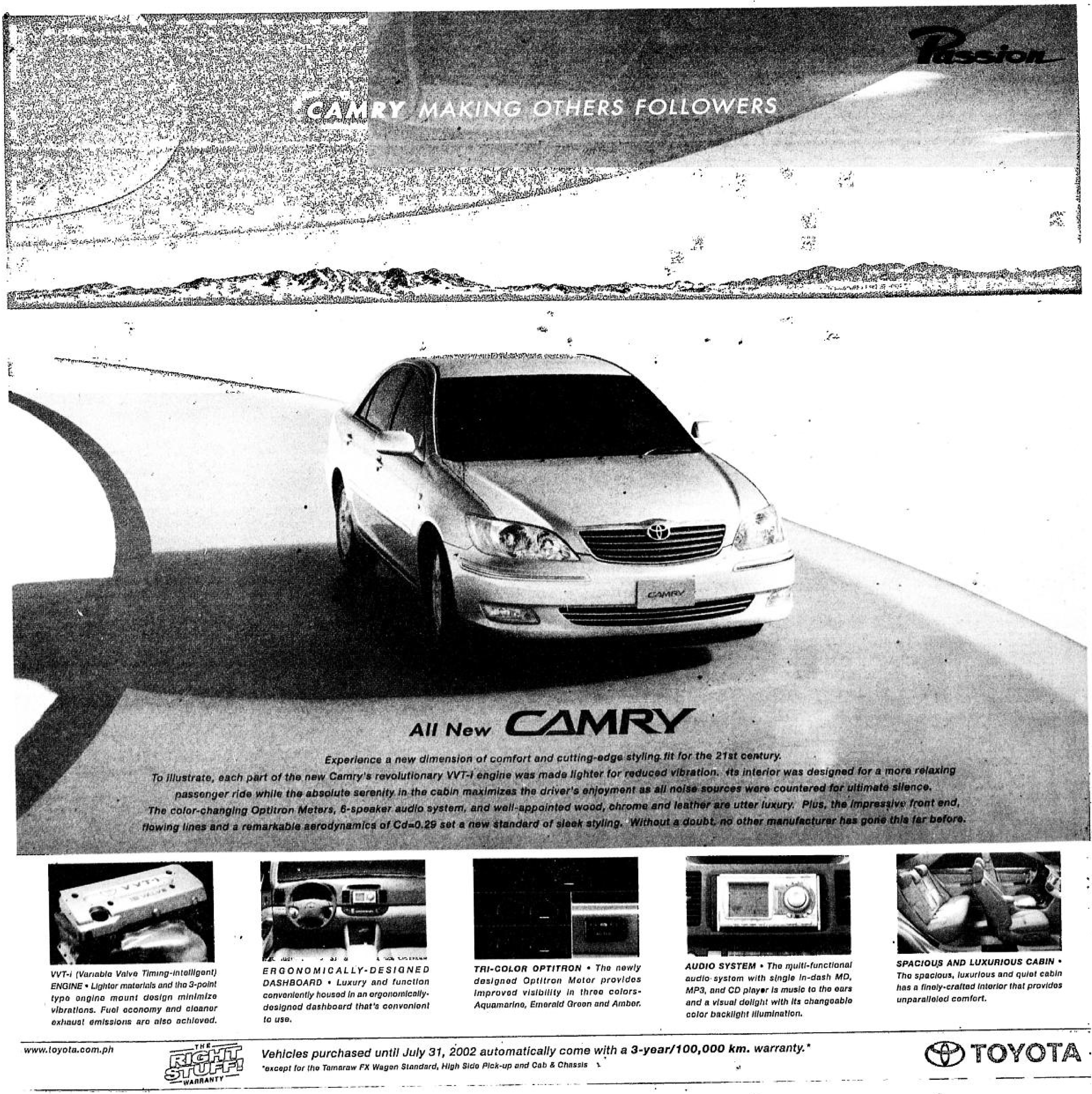

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# Creating jobs for special people

HUNDREDS of persons with disabilities (PWDS) recently trooped to the SM Megamall for the Job Skills Fair for PWDS. Some were in wheelchairs, some in crutches, some speaking in sign language, but all came with the hope of finding opportunities for a better life.

A joint project of the SM Foundation together with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the National Council for the Welfare of the Disabled (NCWDP), and the Technology in Educational Skills and Development Authority (Tesda), the job fair coincided with the 24th National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week.

Tesda Deputy Director General Mila Hernandez was the guest of honor during the ribbon cutting ceremony along with DOLE Assistant Secretary for Internal Affairs Florenda Herrera, DOLE Director Teresita Mansala, NCWDP Director Catalina Fermin, Tesda Regional Director Washington Agustin, and SM Foundation's Debby Sy.

Participating companies included Jollibee, Avon, Bench, CNEE Manpower, Flite, and Health Network.

While the applicants were filling up their applications forms and waiting for their interviews, they also got a glimpse of the possibilities and potentials.

Carol Catacutan-Sam, a cum laude graduate of the University of the Philippines, demonstrated how Access Technology works for visually impaired persons. Sam, who graduated with AB Journalism degree, wowed the mall crowd by skillfully working on her computer using this special program.

Manny Bagsit, who is hearing impaired, creatively demonstrated a flower and fable arrangement.

Orthopedically handicapped Precilla del Rosario, likewise amazed the crowd as she fashioned swans, vases, and flowers from paper and telephone directories. She showed not only how artistic PWDS could be, but also how environmentally concerned they are. Other demonstrations included carpentry, loom weaving, and painting.

The job fair—the third the SM Foundation has spearheaded—was, all in all, a successful endeavor. Fifty four were hired on the spot, while hundreds of other applications were for further processing.

**THIS** woman on a wheelchair lined up to register for application form as early as 9 in the morning.

**SPECIAL** guests during the job fair were Director to National Council for Disabled Persons Catalina Fermin, DOLE's director Teresita Manzala and Tesda's deputy director general Mila Hernandez.

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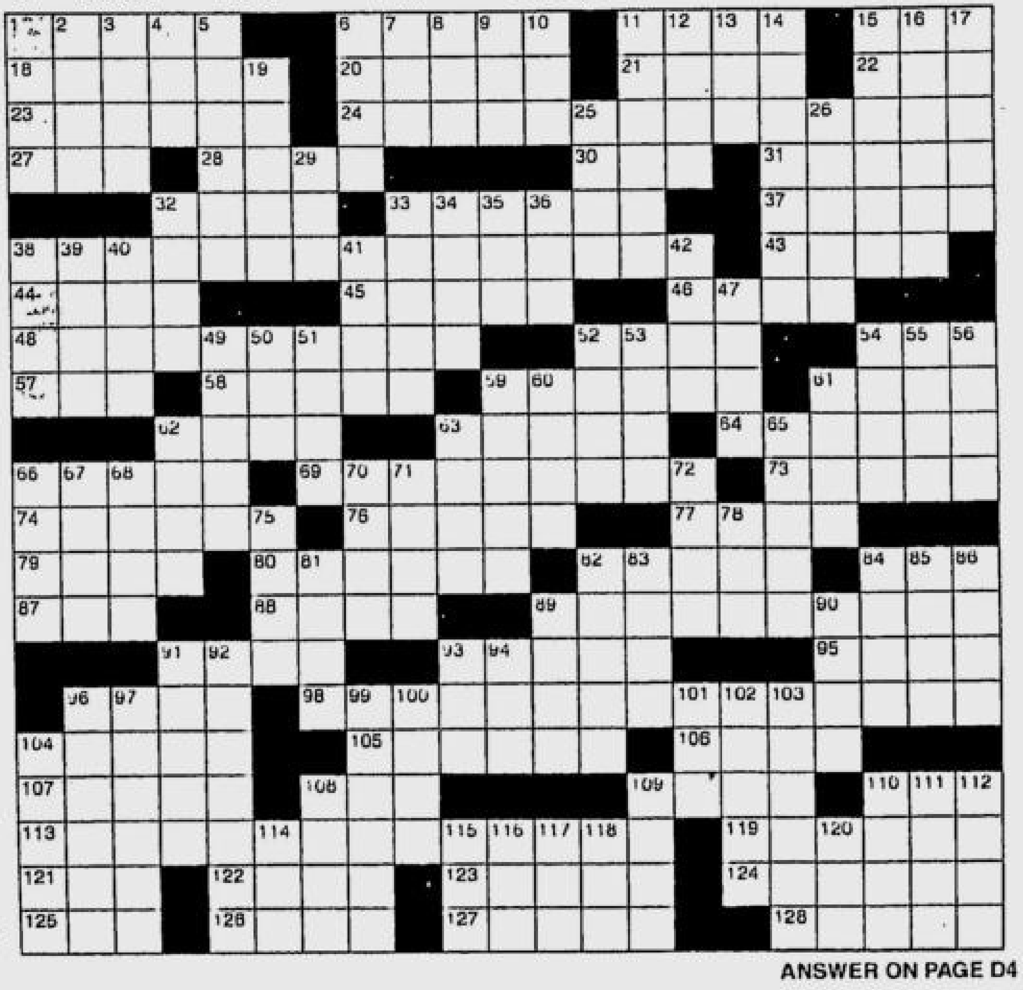

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# From tricycle driver . . .

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earn more money for the day.

Alferez says she motivated herself by focusing on her dream to build a better life for herself and her family.

"I did not let anybody distract me from my dream. For example, there were a lot of people courting me when I was young but I did not entertain any of them because I had to put all my energy on my studies," she relates.

Alferez adds that there were people who thought that she would always be a tricycle driver since she earned good money out of it, but she always knew that it was just a stepping stone. It was a different line of thinking from her other friends who thought that marriage would be their escape from poverty.

She kept her dream alive through college. At 16, she left her tricycle driving days behind and instead became a student messenger while finishing her Mathematics degree.

It was there where she met her future husband Cesar who was also a working student. Meeting her husband, she says, changed her life.

"I always knew that I would be somebody but he believed in me so much and told me that I could be even more than I thought possible," she says.

They eventually got married and Alferez embarked on a successful teaching career, with stints in La Salle and Poveda. As expected, she taught Mathematics. It was natural, she says, as she admitted that 90 percent of her consciousness is filled with Math.

She had a son, Gerard, and in 1988 she decided to give up her teaching career to attend to her son full time. Alferez, however, continued to teach on the side, offering tutorial services from their rented house on Chico Street Project 2, Quezon City.

"I had only a handful of students at the start, then I had 20 and then they increased so much that I thought of putting up a review center for them," she says.

Thus the MSA review center was born, the first of its kind in the country.

She says it was the fruit of her dedication to teaching Mathematics and her hard work and dedication from driving those tricycles so long ago.

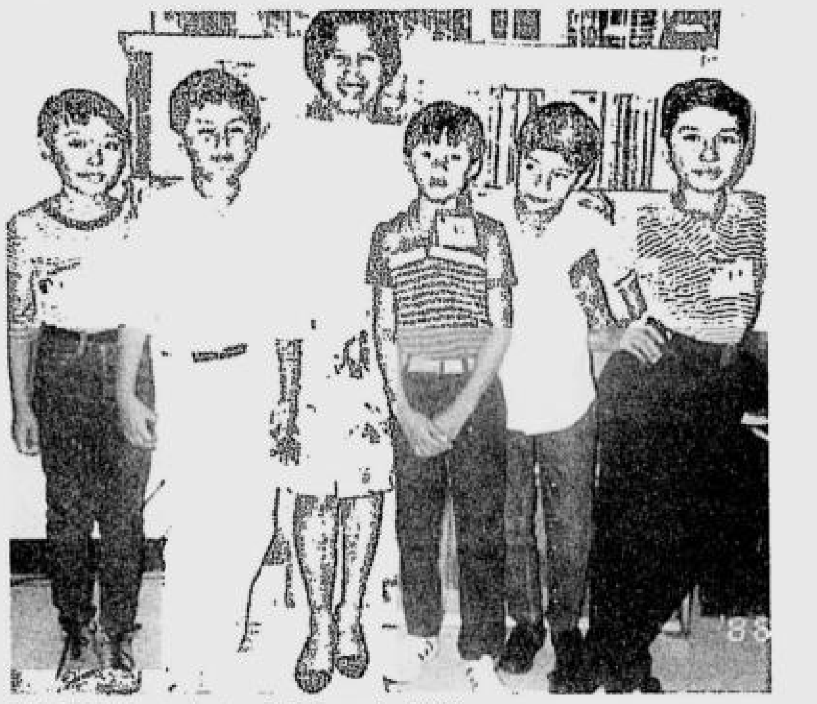
"I look back now and I believe that driving the tricycle taught me about discipline and about entrepreneurship and about putting customers first," Alferez says.

From the first MSA review center, Alferez now has six and the services now include educational trips through a tie-up with a school in London. Her son helps her run the operation and her husband takes care of the publishing business.

She said there was no secret formula to the success of her review centers, just the basic values of hard work and single-minded dedication. She also says it was important to have a dream and to make it come true.

"You must be able to remove the limits that we sometimes put on ourselves, or society or circumstances put on ourselves. We should go beyond these by putting work first, before yourself," she says.

**ALFEREZ** in 1974 during her college days



**THE FIRST** students of Alferez in 1986

**ALFEREZ** circa 1985 with son Gerard

# Exec found career . . .

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He admits being tongue-tied for a few seconds—P6,000 in 1983 was a big amount for him. It was actually enough to pay for the monthly amortization of a house he bought in Tanauan, Batangas, where his family is from.

Du Pont's plant was in Cabuyao at that time, which was conveniently 20 minutes away from his house.

The 10-year-old firm had excellent financial benefits, which came in handy when the country was plunged into economic and political turmoil following the assassination of Benigno Aquino.

"I remember watching the news on TV and wondering if I made the right decision in accepting the Du Pont job. Petrophil was a rock solid company," he says.

But then he soon realized that Du Pont took care of more than just financial compensation. He saw a commitment to improve its employees' lives.

"To look at the other side of Du Pont is to look at its history," he says.

Du Pont was started by Eleuther I. du Pont, a French and a trained chemist who put up a gunpowder plant in Wilmington, Delaware.

Du Pont later expanded to produce goods that have become a daily part of people's lives like the displays on cell phones, and registered brands like Teflon, Kevlar Fiber, Lycra stretch fiber. The firm's diverse businesses now include electronics, automotive, aerospace, health, food, apparel, construction and safety.

Du Pont turned 200 years last July 19.

Abadilla, however, says it is the "felt leadership" style and policy on safety that make Du Pont different. The firm helps other companies all over the world apply Du Pont's safety management techniques.

The firm's emphasis on safety came after a fire struck the gunpowder plant killing several workers and leaving many families without a breadwinner.

Story has it that Du Pont saw the sad fate of the women and the children left behind so he put up a Medicare type of program for them and propagated the first policy on safety.

To prove his belief in the policy, no process or machine is used until a manager himself tries it. He also built his own house beside the plant.

Abadilla believes in the same principles. He worked as plant supervisor of the Crop Protection Products plant and later became plant manager.

He was the one who proposed contract packaging to bring down costs. The decision made the plant a revenue-generating unit, instead of a cost center.

The decision got him the transfer in 1990 to Du Pont Singapore Pte. Ltd. as the Asia-Pacific regional manufacturing and marketing coordinator for crop protection products.

In Singapore he worked out a scheme for sales and operations planning. The move ensured efficient inventory management.

After three years, however, he asked his superiors to bring him back to the Philippines as he missed working with people. He was first sent to Indonesia as project manager and finally in 1999, Abadilla came home to head the Asia-Pacific operations, which includethe Philippines.

He is excited to do well in his new post, so much so that he does not expect to scan the classified ads anytime soon

**FAMILY** photo of the Abadillas.

HS senior photo

**RAMON** with dad David, who worked with GSIS for 36 years.

# Forests sustain tribe members

**By Maurice Malanes**
*PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

CONNER, Apayao—After climbing mountains and crossing rivers for nine hours, you discover a community of hardy folk nestled amid pristine forests. And you are surprised to find houses with corrugated iron roofs as you wonder how some young members of the community have gone to college.

The upland folk tell you that they don't bring to market their surplus farm crops such as bananas, cassava, *camote* (sweet potato), *ube* and *gabi* (yam) because these are too heavy to carry on their shoulders.

In fact, bats and monkeys eat some of their bananas, and wild pigs devour some of their *camote* and *gabi*.

So you ask them, "Where do you get extra income? If you don't sell your products, how did you buy the GI (galvanized iron) sheets for your roofs? How were you able to send some of your children to college?"

The indigenous Mabaka (a subtribe of the Isneg) of Buneg, the farthest *sitio* (sub-village) of Nabuangan, this town's farthest village, get their extra income from the virgin forests around their community.

The Mabaka community has 36 families who trace their ancestral roots to Malibcong, Abra, which is a two-day hike away from Buneg. For their main livelihood, these indigenous folk cultivate some rice paddies and some *uma* or farms.

Unlike loggers, the Mabaka folk harvest only what they need from the forests—mainly *uway* or rattan—for their extra income.

### Precious rattan

Andanan Agagen, a Mabaka elder, for example, would always thank the heavens for the forests' rattan, which he weaves into well-crafted baskets.

"Without this rattan, Gina would have not gone to college," he says in the dialect as he shows how he weaves a *labba*, a multipurpose container basket that Mabaka folk use to store palay (unhusked rice).

The last daughter in a brood of seven, Gina, 24, is Agagen's only child who finished college. Gina earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education at the Apayao State College and is now considering job openings in Abra or Apayao as she prepares for the teachers' board examination.

Now in his 70s, Agagen, who, as a child, learned to weave baskets from his late father, relates how he had to weave *labba* for two straight weeks just so Gina would have something to use when she graduated last April.

He sold the baskets in town and was able to earn almost P3,000, which, he says, was more than enough for Gina's graduation clothes and for "*bassit nga* blowout (a simple blowout or celebration party)."

Agagen sells for P250 to P300 a 20-inch diameter and a foot high *labba*, which he can weave in two days.

Agagen has slowed down in his weaving activity after a doctor of a private medical civic-action team diagnosed him with tuberculosis. But he still weaves, hoping that some of his grandchildren pick up the craft from him and earn extra pesos later.

Although now under a six-month anti-tuberculosis medication, Agagen, who always shows a calm and serene disposition, is the picture of a fulfilled man after Gina graduated.

Gina tells how she had to strive in school as her way of repaying the loving efforts of her father and mother, who also catches fish for sale or for their dining table.

Gina says she had to work as a housemaid during some years of her college to augment her father's financial support.

Marcela Bula-ay-Lammawen, a 1982 midwifery graduate and now assigned in Malama, a village along the highway, also sings praises to Agagen.

After Marcela was orphaned when she was still in Grade 2, Agagen, her uncle, immediately adopted her.

Marcela also helped earned her way to school such as becoming a housemaid ever since when she was still in Grade 6. She also worked on weekends as a farmhand earning P5 a day for planting or harvesting rice.

But she would always remember the extra pesos that her uncle Agagen would give her after he would sell some rattan baskets in town.

Marcela was lucky to be awarded a scholarship by Unicef (United Nations Children's Emergency Fund), which helped her pursue her midwifery career.

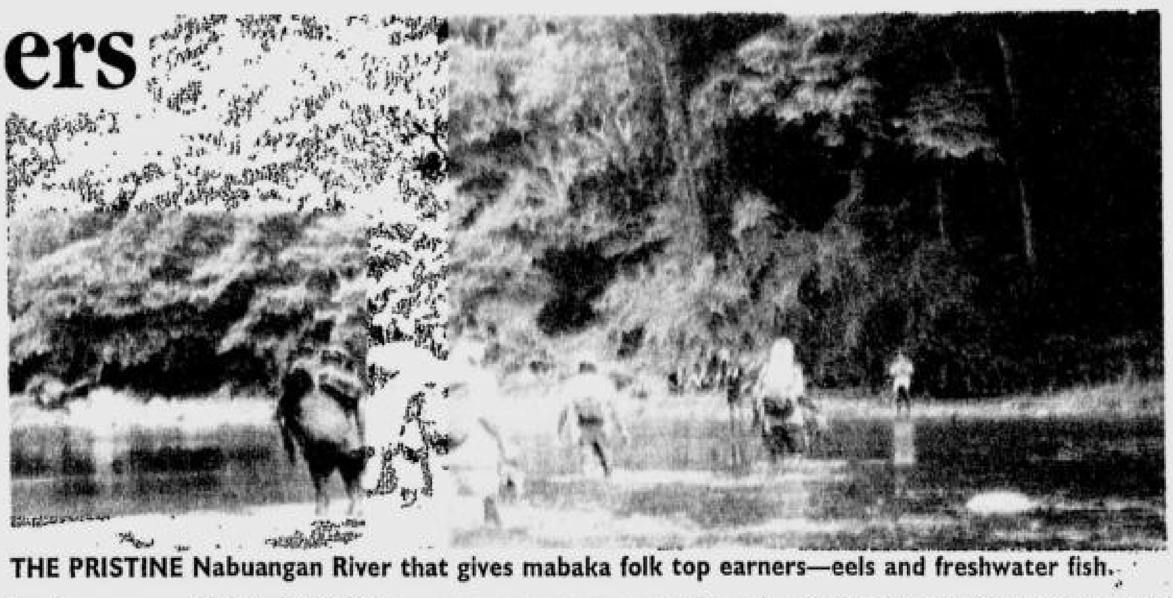
But she says she is greatly indebted to the loving care and crumpled peso bills and handful of coins that her uncle would always give her for her notebooks, pad paper and other needs.

And as her way of helping repay her debt of gratitude to her uncle, Marcela had also offered her home to Agagen's children like Gina so they wouldn't have to pay rent as they pursue their career in the nearby Apayao State College.

Marcela and her husband Allen, also a Mabaka, were able to build the house after she was employed as a government midwife in this town.

### Wild pigs, eels

Besides rattan, Buneg's forests also offer extra income for the Mabaka folk through the wild pigs they hunt, which they sell in lowland Apayao.



**THE PRISTINE** Nabuangan River that gives mabaka folk top earners—eels and freshwater fish.

**BRINGING** wild boar meat to the market. PHOTOS BY MAURICE MALANES

The Nabuangan River, a major tributary to the Cagayan River and which traces its headwater in Buneg, also teems with eels, and various freshwater fish the Mabaka folk call *gadew* and *palileng*. All these are also top-earners for the Mabaka people.

Juliet Dalingay, a 2001 forestry graduate, for example, almost has the same story as her cousins, Marcela and Gina.

"Aside from rattan, wild pigs and river fish also helped send me to college," says Juliet, the fourth in a brood of 11.

Juliet, Marcela and Gina are among 12 members of the Mabaka community who either finished or touched college because of Buneg's forest and river products.

Aside from gathering and selling raw rattan, Juliet's father also hunts and fishes and sells his catch in the town.

Because of their exotic value, eels and other freshwater fish and the meat of wild pigs are sold at P150 to P200 per kilo in town, or P50 to P100 more expensive than ordinary pork and fish.

Mabaka hunters say among their regular buyers is Apayao Rep. Elias Bulut himself, who orders meat of wild pigs, eels and *palileng* during his birthday celebrations.

Some customers also patronize the meat of wild pigs, eels and other freshwater fish for their organic health value. Unlike the pork and cultured fish sold in the market, Buneg's wild meat, eels and fish have no toxic chemical contents such as antibiotics and artificial feeds and hormones.

Others order eels from Buneg because of their supposed aphrodisiac effect.

To ensure that the forests and their rivers and springs continue to give them rattan, wild pork, eels and fish, the Mabaka folk have unwritten policies, most of them handed down by ancestors, governing the protection and management of their forest wealth.

They, for example, ban swidden farming in crucial watersheds. In harvesting rattan, they also make sure that they only get the mature ones.

And besides the forests around their settlement, they have also designated as off-limits to hunters a 50-hectare sanctuary of forest and part of the Nabuangan River.

The idea of the sanctuary, says Pablo Agagen, Buneg Mabaka Tribal Organization chair, is to give wild animals such as deer and wild pigs and eels and fish a special place to breed and reproduce.

"Our forefathers bequeathed us this rich land," says Agagen. "We therefore must take care of our land and forests because they feed and sustain not only us but also our children."

# Korean promotes local root crop

**By Frank Cimatu**
*PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet—*Ube* (purple yam) ice cream is as Filipino as *balut* (boiled duck eggs) and *pinakbet* (a vegetable dish). But although *ube* is a unique Filipino product, Filipinos are not actually going gaga over it.

The Department of Agriculture said Filipinos usually eat only an equivalent of one-third kilogram of ube a year, compared with at least 8 kilograms a year of *camote* (Sweet potato).

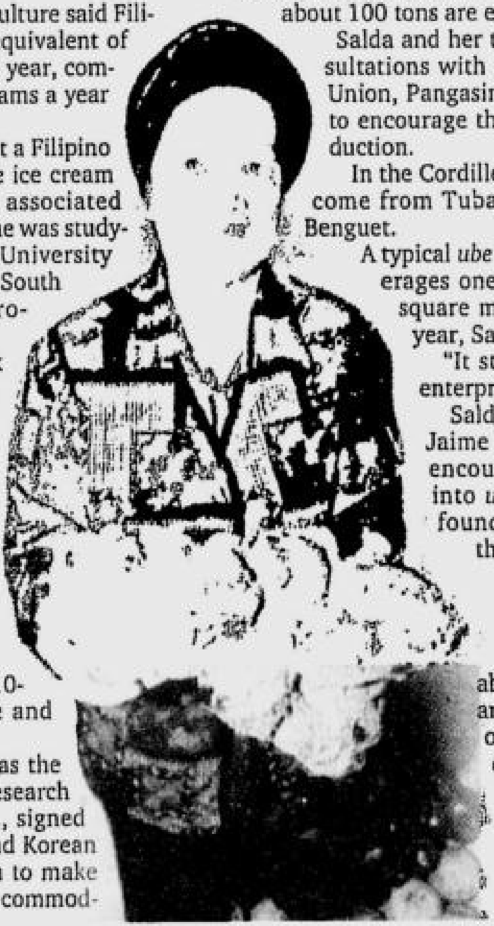
Dr. Jang-Won Yoon is not a Filipino but he fell in love with *ube* ice cream and other yummy things associated with the purple yam while he was studying at the Benguet State University here. That was why Yoon, a South Korean, aggressively promoted the delicacy.

Yoon returned last week to BSU, where he earned his undergraduate, master's degree and eventually his Ph.D. in agronomy, to sign a memorandum of agreement with the BSU-based Northern Philippine Rootcrops Research and Training Center (NPRRTC).

The MOU lays down a 10-year program to produce and market *ube*.

Yoon, who now works as the marketing and financial research consultant of Taeone Inc., signed the MOA with NPRRTC and Korean businessman Jae-Gu Chen to make *ube* a highly valued world commodity.

Violeta Salda, NPRRTC executive director, said Yoon was so eager to start the *ube* production that he sent the processing equipment complete with dryer, chipper and flour mill worth P500,000 to the BSU.



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**FORMER Mayor Magdalena Pitas of Sablan, Benguet, has been selling fresh ube at the Magsaysay Market in Baguio City since 1953.**

**SELLING ube has become a source of income for vendor Jocelyn Mang-er.**

"The problem is we still need a lot of *ube* and it seems that only a few farmers are producing it," Salda said.

Statistics from the Department of Agriculture from 1990 to 1998 showed that *ube* (known as *ubi* in DA's files) production averaged about 25,000 to 26,000 metric tons annually. But only about 100 tons are exported every year.

Salda and her team recently held consultations with farmers in Quirino, La Union, Pangasinan and Nueva Vizcaya to encourage them to go into *ube* production.

In the Cordillera, most *ube* producers come from Tuba and Sablan towns in Benguet.

A typical *ube* grower, whose field averages one-fourth hectare (2,500 square meters), nets P50,000 a year, Salda said.

"It still remains a backyard enterprise," she explained.

Salda said in the 1980s, the Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation encouraged the group to go into *ube* production but the foundation did not provide them with a market, thus, many of the farmers shifted to the cultivation of other root crops.

The NPRRTC wants about 200 farmers in these areas to produce 500 tons of *ube* in the initial production with Taeone Inc.

Salda said other than Northern Luzon, the other main producer of *ube* is Bohol, but ube from the highlands is superior in terms of quality.

She said when the *ube* powder produced in Bohol is mixed with water to make *halaya* (sweet *ube* paste), it loses its consistency unlike the highland ube varieties, like *padiket* and *sampero*.

Salda said she was surprised that the government was not promoting *ube* as a high-value crop. Like other root crops, *ube* is hardy and can survive even in difficult conditions.

Cultivation is not labor-intensive and only needs compost in the earlier stages. The only concession is that *ube* has to be grown in loose soil because its roots expand immediately unlike the cassava, for example, which digs deep into the earth.

It takes a lot more time, however, to grow ube compared with other root crops. It takes between six and 12 months to harvest *ube*. The average yield is 6 tons per hectare, DA records said.

The NPRRTC has been developing the germ plasm (part of the cell containing hereditary materials) to make the newer *ube* varieties less susceptible to diseases. Salda also said that some *ube* varieties produced in Quirino are white.

"When the farmers there learned that we need the purple varieties, they started destroying the white varieties but we said we would still use them for flour production," she said.

According to the MOA, the NPRRTC would be in charge of the management of the project while Taeone Inc. will take care of the marketing abroad as well as financial support, including the salary of researchers.

The project was expected to cost P1.7 million, Salda said.

Prior to the Korean offer, the main buyer of *ube* in Northern Luzon is Giron Foods Inc. based in Silang, Cavite.

But Salda said they could not provide enough *ube* for Giron Foods. Other local buyers are A&P Foods Inc., Dalisay Sweets in Quezon City, Oceanic Export in Manila and Seachamp International Export Corp. in Pasay City.

These buyers export *ube* mostly to Canada and Europe, Salda said.

The *ube* is used mostly for candies, instant *halaya*, powdered *ube*, bakery products and *ube* ice cream. Part of the MOA includes finding other products for *ube*.

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In addition to an exciting atmosphere, we offer a highly competitive salary and benefits package.

*Please forward your application letter, comprehensive resume with your most recent 2 x 2 picture, complete with at least three (3) references and other credentials to:*

Code: PM - MG
THE HRD MANAGER
Metro Ayala Center
Cebu Business Park
Arch. Reyes Avenue, Cebu City

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## BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY
## ONLY FOR THE 100 BEST ENTREPRENEURS!!!

A multi-national manufacturing company is currently looking for **DISTRIBUTORS/BUSINESS PARTNERS** for its sales and distribution expansion **within Metro Manila**.

- We require from our distributors/business partners **a good sense of entrepreneurial skill and experience**; *Preferably*, he must have been into the business of DISTRIBUTORSHIP for at least one year;
- Must have a **paved and covered warehouse of at least 100 sq. m.**;
- **Two (2) operational 4 or 6-wheeler trucks** are a MUST to operate the business; or must be willing to buy a truck for this purpose;
- Ready **manpower of salesmen and delivery assistants** must also be provided for by potential business partners;
- Finally, business partners MUST have **sufficient financial capital** to just start the business.

**LET US TAKE CARE OF MAKING YOUR FINANCIAL INVESTMENT GROW!**

Interested distributors/business partners may send their **company profile or biodata/resume; one 2x2 picture; photographs of the trucks** intended for the business, with **photocopies of license, OR/CR**, and other pertinent documents to:

**Box No: MK 94**
c/o Philippine Daily Inquirer
G/F, Atrium Building, Makati Avenue
Makati City

**Deadline for applications will be on August 31, 2002.**

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## WANTED
### Shadow Teacher/Tutor
for Special Child

- ☺ Excellent Salary & Benefits
- ☺ Full time, available on Saturdays
- ☺ F, 23-32 y.o., Hardworking
- ☺ Grad. of PT, OT, SPED (Educ)
- ☺ Pref. w/ 2 yrs prev. teaching exp.

Call, fax or send resume with ref., Photo, NBI-Pol. Clearance & Med. Cert. to;
**P.O.B. 797 Dasmarinas Village Makati**
**Telefax: 728-0435 to 36 Fax: 893-9241**
**E-mail: okalta@i-manila.com.ph**

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**A Primary School based in Fujian, People's Republic of China is in need of several**

### English Language Teachers

**Interested applicants must be:**
(1) Willing to relocate to China;
(2) Preferably Mandarin or Hokkien-speaking; and
(3) A graduate of Bachelor of Science in Education or any similar course.

Teaching experience is an advantage. Attractive compensation package will be provided to successful applicants. Interested parties may mail their comprehensive resumé with 2x2 photo to:
**C.P.O. Box 3956 Manila**

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## OFFICE STAFF
### TRAINOR and DOCUMENTATION STAFF

Female / 21-25 / Single /
Education, Psychology,
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Good English /
With good computer knowledge

**CALL 729 27 97, 729 28 02**
**Contact JONATHAN**

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**WANTED**

To fill in Executive position in a fast growing Marketing Company

### EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT - REAL ESTATE

- Minimum of 10 years experience in the Real Estate Industry
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Successful applicants will receive Fixed Monthly Allowances plus an opportunity to earn unlimited income.

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3M Puso ng Baguio Building, Session Road, Baguio City
Tel Nos (074) 4444137, 3041214 • Fax No (074) 4422338

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CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL PHILIPPINES

**Conservation International - Philippines**
is in need of

## GIS Demographic Manager

The GIS Demographic Project Manager will manage a fulltime 14 month GIS Demographic Project which will identify, collect, and digitize a series of national demographic variables, ultimately resulting in the creation of a national map and CD-ROM for use in planning and education purposes.

The duties and responsibilities of the Project Manager include but not limited to the following:

- Consult with relevant practitioners in identifying useful and available demographic data
- Organize and conduct a demographic workshop to identify demographic variables to be collected and digitized
- Collect the identified data
- Assist in date encoding
- Organize and present the final product (map and CD-ROM) to a relevant audience
- Train practitioners in the use of the final products

The GIS Demographic Project Manager will report directly to the Population Environment Project Manager. S/he will work in cooperation with a GIS Specialist (TBH) and the GIS/IT Manager.

Minimum Qualifications:

- MA in Demographics or Natural Resource Management preferred
- At least 2 years experience in relevant NGO project management
- At least 2 years experience in demographic research, data collection, and data analysis
- Understanding of Population and Environment (PE) linkages and interactions
- Strong connections with Philippine population and environment government bodies, NGOs, and donor agencies
- Interest in environmental conservation
- Computer proficiency of GIS and Arc View mechanics
- Writing skills

Interested applicants can submit their application letter with comprehensive resumé not later than **August 2, 2002:**

**The Human Resources**
**Conservation International**
**5 South Lawin, Philam Homes**
**Quezon City**
**or email: cimanila@csi.com.ph**

**Only those who short listed will be notified.**

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**CAPP-SIAD** Inc. is a consortium of three development NGOs implementing a three-year program on good local governance and rural development in Visayas and Northern Mindanao. It's Project Management Office (PMO) urgently seeks to recruit dynamic:

## PROJECT OFFICER

**Required Qualifications.** The successful candidate must have:

- A degree on any social development course, Management, Mass Communications, Behavioral Sciences;
- Basic knowledge on evaluation and monitoring tools of analyses and methodologies (technical writing and database management)
- Substantial experience in project monitoring, evaluation, rural development work, enterprise development or research / Management Information System;
- Physically fit to travel to Negros Occidental, Biliran, Misamis Oriental, and Gingoog and willing to spend at least 50% of her/his time in the field
- Excellent oral and written communication skills and can speak Visayan (Cebuano and/or Ilonggo)
- Proficiency on basic computer software (MS Word, Excel)
- Can work both independently and as member of a team

Compensation. P 20,000 plus mandatory and other benefits. Contract shall be *co-terminus* with the project term.

## And BOOKKEEPER / ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

**Required Qualifications.**

- Must be a graduate of Science in Accountancy
- At least two years experience in bookkeeping
- Proficient in basic finance computer software (Excel) as well as word processing (Word)
- Must have some basic knowledge in clerical work

Compensation: P 9,000 per month plus mandatory and other benefits. Contract shall be *co-terminus* with the project term.

**Qualified applicants are invited to send: a cover letter of interest; 3-page CV; names, addresses, of 3 professional references. Please address them to: The Project Manager, Unit 607, Fil-Garcia Building, Kalayaan Avenue corner Mayaman Street, Diliman, Quezon City. Closing date: 09 August 2002.**

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## A-T LIGHTING CORPORATION

***THE COMPANY***
Our company is involved in the sales of lighting products. We are currently looking for professionals to be part of our business team.

***THE OPPORTUNITY :* *SALES ENGINEER***

22 - 25 years old graduate of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering / Architecture preferably with work experience in the construction industry (i.e. sales / electrical / design or project management)

(a) Job opening will be for branches in La Union, Naga City, and Metro Manila

(b) For Metro Manila applicants, those residing in Antipolo, Cainta, Marikina and Pasig will be given preference.

***HOW TO APPLY:***
Qualified applicants are requested to immediately apply in person or mail their resumé to address stated. Please enclose a passport size I.D.

**The General Manager**
**(A-T LIGHTING CORP.)**
**Lot 14 Cadena de Amor St. Greenland Executive Village**
**Cainta, Metro Manila 1900**
**Email Address: hmdcmain@i-next.net**

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SAM'S VENDO CORP., engage in Vending Machine Industry, authorized distributor of ***Carrier*-LG Vending Machines** is urgently in need of highly competent and customer driven:

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## New Lifeline, Inc.

15 Yrs old Human Resource Company with offices in New York, Los Angeles & Philippines will be expanding in other states in U.S.A. Mr. Alex De Venecia, the President and Founder of New Lifeline, Inc. is in town and announces the opening for the fl. opportunities:

### Marketing Assistant

- college graduate, w/ experience in recruitment business especially those sending healthcare professionals in the U.S., M.E. & Europe
- those w/ U.S. Visa will be given priority & will be assigned in New York or Los Angeles

### Provincial Coordinators

- needed for the following cities: (Cebu, Davao, Laoag, San Fernando, Cabanatuan, Cagayan Valley, Cagayan de Oro & Bicol)
- to do solicitation / follow-up nurse applicants going to U.S.A.
- to source-out for nurses who are CGFNS/NCLEX passer, takers
- ideal person must be in insurance, real estate & multi-level marketing

### Investors / Co-venturer

- get involve in the recruitment of healthcare, other professionals and staffing business in America
- this will be a profitable business and a chance to have L1/ Investor's Visa

Interested applicants and investors, please send your comprehensive resumé with photo in confidence to:

Mr. Alex De Venecia
President - New Lifeline, Inc.
Rm. 402, Jade Bldg., #71 Aurora Blvd. Quezon City (fronting UERM Hospital)
Tel.: 715-0221, 817-3938 Cell: (0917) 811-2884, 337-4450, 789-9375
devenecia718493@yahoo.com or docrdv@aol.com

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**ATTN: MEMORIAL PARK**

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**A LEADING CHEMICAL TRADING COMPANY INVITES APPLICANTS FOR :**

THE POSITION OF:

### ACCOUNTING STAFF (3)

- Female, 22-30 years old
- Graduate of BSC major in Accountancy
- Minimum of 1 year relevant experience
- Computer literate
- With good communication skills
- Preferably a resident of Quezon City

### WAREHOUSE ASSISTANTS (2)

- Chemistry or Chemical Engineering graduates
- Male, 22-30 years old
- Work experience in warehouse management an advantage although not mandatory
- Computer literate
- With good communication skills
- Preferably a resident of Quezon City

Qualified applicants may send their comprehensive resumé, recent 2x2 colored picture, photocopy of your transcript of records and college diploma at:

Attention: HRD Manager
SEC
#10 Resthaven St., SFDM, Quezon City
Telephone No: 371-1111; 371-5555 or P.O. Box 833, Manila

This is an URGENT REQUIREMENT:

Closing date of application: AUGUST 5, 2002

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**A RURAL DEVELOPMENT NGO**

Is in need of:

## AGRI-EXTENSION WORKER

- Graduate of agriculture or any course relevant to agricultural production plus relevant trainings
- Preferably with 2 years experience in related work
- Proficient in written and verbal communication in English and Filipino or any local dialect
- Computer literate
- Familiar with sustainable agriculture concepts and issues
- Willing to go on fieldwork at least 70% of his/her working time

Interested applicants should mail their resumé, photocopy of their transcript of records and 1x1 ID picture not later than **August 15, 2002** to the Executive Director of CARRD at 22 Matipid Street, Sikatuna Village, Quezon City.

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**IMMEDIATE HIRING**

We are a growing Company in Fashion Design and we are in need of:

## ARTIST

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Send your comprehensive resumé and Transcript of Records.

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## TEACHERS NEEDED

- Must have at least 3-5 years of teaching experience
- Starting salary of more than P100,000.00 a month
- Only those with major in Science, Math and Special Education may apply

Send resumé to Room No. 7 2nd Floor, Muñoz Plaza Building, EDSA, Quezon City or call Susan, Grace, or Josephine at 411-1808. For inquiries, you may email at marmont phi@yahoo.com

## FOR IMMEDIATE HIRING

1. RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OFFICER (RTO)
2. ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE (AE)
   - Male/female, not more than 30 years old
   - Graduate of any four-year course
   - With experience in sales or dealing with people
   - Hardworking with good interpersonal skills
   - Can work with minimum supervision
   - Computer literate (Word/Excel)

Note:

1. RTC applicants must be a resident of Cotabato or Davao.
2. AE applicants must be willing to travel outside of Metro Manila.

Interested parties must send, fax or e-mail their resumé with a recent 2x2 ID picture not later than August 7, 2002 to:

Learning is Fun!
WS Pacific Publications, Inc.
3260 V. Mapa Street, Sta. Mesa, Manila
Fax No. 713-6451
Email addresses: wsprv@info.com.ph
learningisfun@wspacific.com.ph

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## PHOTOCHROME PHILIPPINES

*A growing and dynamic company engaged in the manufacture of indoor/outdoor signages and photographic silkscreen process needs an*

### ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

- Male or Female, not more than 30 years old
- College graduate
- Energetic and aggressive with pleasing personality
- Has a track record in the field of sales and in customer relations work preferably in the manufacturing set-up
- Able to meet monthly sales targets
- With good moral character
- Computer literate; good communication skills

***Send your updated resumé, transcript of records, 2x2 recent photo to:***

**THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT**
**148 3rd Ave., Riverside Executive Village**
**1600 Pasig City**

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WANTED

## NUTRITIONIST

Female, single, experienced in Menu Making, Restaurant Operation and Catering.

**Call 922 8652; 249 0919 or 6451298**

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## INVITATION TO BID

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REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
KAGAWARAN NG KAGALINGANG PANLIPUNAN AT PAGPAPAUNLAD
(DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT)
BATASAN PAMBANSA COMPLEX, CONSTITUTION HILLS
QUEZON CITY

## INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY FOR THE PROVISION OF CONSULTING SERVICES

**Early Childhood Development Project**
**Loan No. ADF 1607**

1 The Government of the Republic of the Philippines through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in financing the Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP). Part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied for eligibile payments for the conduct of a research studies.

2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development, now invites eligible research institutions/agencies to apply for pre-qualification for the provision of consulting services to undertake any of the following studies:
   a. "The Efficacy of Vitamin A and Iron Fortified Wheat Flour in Improving the Iron Status of School Children"
   b. Study on "The Effect of Iodized Salt on the Quality of Selected Food Products"

3. Interested research institutions may obtain information and secure a complete set of pre-qualification form, upon presentation of a letter of intent, starting **July 29 to August 16, 2002** from Ms. Maricris Jacinto, BAC Secretariat, Property and Supply Division, 2nd Floor, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City with telephone number **951-8161** or **931-8101 to 07** loc. 125. Deadline for the submission of duly notarized accomplished pre-qualification forms, SEC registration, constitution and by-laws, company profile and other related documents is on **August 30, 2002.**

(Sgd.) **RHODA F. YAP**
*Assistant Secretary &*
*BAC Chairperson*

(PDI - July 21 & 28 2002)

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## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

### BOBBY F. DEL CARMEN

**Mr. BOBBY F. DEL CARMEN** whose picture appears above is no longer connected with **MAKATI FINANCE CORPORATION** as of **July 23, 2002.** Any transaction entered into by him after such date in behalf of the above company will no longer be honored.

(PDI – July 28, 2002)

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(DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT)
BATASAN PAMBANSA COMPLEX, CONSTITUTION HILLS
QUEZON CITY

Republic of the Philippines
**Early Childhood Development Project**

## INVITATION TO BIDS

**ITB No. 2002-NCB-CW-001**

**To: All Eligible Bidders**

The Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) towards the financing of the cost of **Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP)** and intends to apply part of the proceeds of the loan to cover eligible payments under contract for related civil works (i.e. construction and repair of Day Care Centers, Barangay Health Station and Day Care Homes) in various Local Government Units (LGUs) in Region VI.

The following LGUs invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the various project in Region VI.

| LGU NAME | ADDRESSES | TELEPHONE NUMBERS |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Ajuy, Iloilo | Chairperson-PBAC, Municipal Hall Ajuy, Iloilo | (033)39220444/3920469 |
| 2. Concepcion, Iloilo | Chairperson-PBAC, Mun. Hall, Concepcion, Iloilo | (033)3920309 |
| 3. New Lucena, Iloilo | Chairperson-PBAC, Mun. Hall, New Lucena, Iloilo | (033)5262160 |
| 4. Pototan, Iloilo | Chairperson-PBAC, Mun. Hall, Pototan, Iloilo | (033)5297333 |
| 5. Iloilo City | Chairperson-PBAC, City Hall, Iloilo City | (036)3375666/3367943 |
| 6. Panitan Capiz | Chairperson-PBAC, Mun. Hall, Panitan, Capiz | (036)6340236 |
| 7. Pontevedra, Capiz | Chairperson-PBAC, Mun. Hall, Pontevedra, Capiz | (036)6340132/6340621 |
| 8. Maayon, Capiz | Chairperson-PBAC, Mun. Hall, Maayon, Capiz | 0919-2258238 |
| 9. Tapaz, Capiz | Chairperson-PBAC, Mun. Hall, Tapaz, Capiz | 0912-3089794/0918-3334258 |
| 10. Roxas City | Chairperson-PBAC, City Hall, Roxas City | (036)6215316/6212769 |
| 11. Bugasong, Antique | Chairperson-PBAC, Mun. Hall, Bugasong, Antique | (036)1982137 to 40 |
| 12. Pandan, Antique | Chairperson-PBAC, Mun. Hall, Pandan, Antique | (036)2889391/2889128 |
| 13. Patnongon, Antique | Chairperson-PBAC, Mun. Hall, Patnongon, Antique | 0916-4133980 |
| 14. Tobias Fornier, Antique | Chairperson-PBAC, Mun. Hall, T. Fornier, Antique | 0916-3921071 |
| 15. Himamaylan, Negros Occ. | Chairperson-PBAC, City Hall, Himamaylan City | (034)744-7595 |
| 16. Hinigaran, Negros Occ. | Chairperson-PBAC, Mun. Hall, Hinigaran City, Neg. Occ. | (034)3917715 |
| 17. Madalag, Aklan | Chairperson-PBAC, Mun. Hall, Madalag, Aklan | 0916-3191293 |
| 18. Nva. Valencia, Guimaras | Chairperson-PBAC, Mun. Hall, Nva. Valencia, Guim. | (0918)506-3785 |

Bidding documents may be purchased at the Office of the Pre/Post-qualification Bids & Award Committee (PBAC) of the respective LGUs from **July 23** to **August 25, 2002**. Pre-Bid Conferences shall be held at the respective LGU addresses on **August 12, 2002** at 10:00 a.m. Bidders may obtain further information at the same addresses or may call the above telephone/cellular phone numbers.

Bids shall be valid for a period of **90 days** after opening of bids and must be accompanied by a bid security of two and one-half (2½%) percent of total bid price, and shall be delivered on a sealed envelope (both Technical and Financial Proposal) to the PBAC Chairperson of the respective LGUs on or before 10:00 a.m., **August 26, 2002**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders representative who choose to attend at the place, time and date stated above.

(Sgd.) **RHODA F. YAP**
*Assistant Secretary & BAC Chairperson*

(PDI - July 21 & 28. 2002)

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## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

MARIA TERESA JACINTO

NARDITO ESCANDOR FLORANO

Please be informed that a Criminal Case for **"ESTAFA"** has been filed against **MARIA TERESA JACINTO** with last known address at Brgy. 53, Rioeng, Laoag City and **NARDITO ESCANDOR FLORANO** with last known address at Arellano Street, Poblacion Central Barcelona, Sorsogon.

The case is now pending before the Municipal Trial Court of the First Judicial Region, Bantay, Ilocos Sur with Criminal Case No. 3100.

(PDI – July 28, 2002)

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PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY

## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The *Philippine Ports Authority* invites interested bidders to submit Application for Eligibility and subsequently to Bid, for the:

A. Name of Project : **PROPOSED EXTENSION OF R.C. WHARF PORT OF PUERTO PRINCESA, PALAWAN**

B. Scope of Work :
1. Extension of R.C. Wharf (2,301 sq.m.)
2. Fendering System (24 sets)
3. Mooring System (12 sets)
4. Lighting Tower (1 unit)

C. Equipment Requirements

**Major Equipment (Owned)**

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | unit | Crane barge (319 GWT) with 50T crane |
| 1 | unit | Drawler crane (30 T capacity) |
| 1 | unit | Drop hammer (2T) |
| 1 | unit | Diesel Hammer (13,500 kg-m., energy at one blow) |

**Minor Equipment (Owned or Leased)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2 | units | Concrete Mixer (1-bagger) |
| 2 | units | Concrete Vibrator (3 Hp) |
| 1 | unit | Air compressor (250 cfm) |
| 1 | unit | Jack Hammer |
| 1 | unit | Welding Machine (400 Amp.) |
| 2 | units | Cutting outfit |

D. Project Duration : 400 Calendar days

E. Budget for the Contract : Ph 66,684,427.26
Sources of Funding : PPA Corporate Fund

F. Required PCAB Registration And Classification : Large B - Ports and Harbor/Offshore Engineering

G. Experience:
Similar in nature and complexity with at least 50% of the required quantity for major operations of work as indicated in Form IX, page 2 of 2 of the Eligibility Statement Form.

H. Cost of Eligibility Statement Form : P500.00
Place of Issuance : BAC Secretariat
Room 305, Marsman Building
South Harbor, Port Area, Manila

I. Deadline for Submission of Accomplished Eligibility Statement Form : **August 5, 2002**

J. Time and date of **Pre-bid Conference,** as well as the submission and **opening of bids** shall be indicated in the **Notice of Eligibility**.

Only contractors classified and registered with the Philippine Contractor's Accreditation Board (PCAB) with valid and existing Contractor's License and Registration Particulars will be issued Eligibility Forms. The forms are available at the BAC Secretariat, Room 305, Marsman Building, South Harbor, Manila, beginning on the first day of publication of this advertisement. Interested applicants are required to bring a letter of intent and original copy of Contractor's valid PCAB License for verification/authentication purposes.

Bid Documents shall be issued only to eligible licensed contractors upon payment of the non-refundable cost of the documents of Ph 5,000.00.

All particulars relative to the eligibility, bidding, evaluation of bids and award of contract shall be governed by the provisions of PD 1594 and Executive Order No. 40, Series of 2001 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

Further information may be obtained from the following:

BAC Secretariat : Tel. Nos. 527-4735
527-8356 loc. 316
PPA website : www.ppa.gov.ph
E-mail address : rdcenas@ppa.com.ph
mmelicor@ppa.com.ph

The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informality in the proposals received and to accept such bid most advantageous to the Philippine Ports Authority.

(Sgd.) **ALFONSO G. CUSI**
*General Manager*

(PDI - July 20 & 28. 2002)

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*Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas*

**Maynila, Pilipinas**

## DISBURSEMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE
## INVITATION TO BID

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) invites prospective Consultants to submit proposals for the provision of Architectural and Engineering (A & E) services to undertake inspection, verification and encoding of as-built plans (Architectural, Structural, Electrical, Mechanical, Sanitary/Plumbing, etc.) of the five (5) buildings located at the BSP Complex.

Details of the BSP Terms of Reference may be obtained from the Manager II, Procurement Division II, Administrative Services Department, Room 212, 2nd Floor, 5-Storey Building, BSP Complex, Malate, Manila, Tel. No. 536-5985 & 524-8229.

For prequalification purposes, interested consultants must submit the following requirements:

1. Letter authorizing the Bank/its duly authorized representative/s to verify the authenticity of the licenses/permits/documents submitted;
2. Statement of the consultant that he is not "blacklisted" or barred from bidding by any government agency, office or corporation.
3. List of on-going and all completed A & E contracts in the last three (3) calendar years and contracts awarded but not yet started. The list shall include, for each contract, the following:
   a. the name and location of the contract/project;
   b. date of the contract;
   c. type of consulting service;
   d. amount of contract;
   e. contract duration; and
   f. certificate of satisfactory completion issued by the client, in the case of a completed contract;
4. List of the type and number of equipment that the consultant owns, has under lease and/or has under purchase agreements

The above requirements, together with the photocopies of the following documents (original to be presented for authentication purposes) shall be submitted to the Administrative Services Department, Room 212, 2nd Floor, 5-storey Bldg., corner A. Mabini and P. Ocampo, Sr. Streets, Malate, Manila not later than **August 9, 2002.**

1. Articles of Incorporation/Partnership and Business Registration papers;
2. Mayor's Permit/Municipal License;
3. Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) tax registration;
4. Audited financial statements (Balance Sheet & Income Statement) for the last three years. (Must have a working capital and networth of at least P1M and P2M, respectively);
5. Y2001 Income Tax Return; and
6. Company history/profile of the consultant

Only those who comply with the above requirements will be invited to participate in the actual bidding which will be conducted on a later date to be advised.

The two envelope system shall be adopted in the bidding.

The BSP hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids, as well as to waive any defects or informality in such bids, and to accept such bids as may be considered most advantageous to the Bank

FOR THE DISBURSEMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE
(Sgd.) EDUARDO L. MAGAHIS
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# Dr. Lupo Catolico Guiyab M.D.

*highly respected Chief Anesthesiologist of*
*St. Jude Hospital in Orange County, California.*

*Passed away at the age of 52 on July 22, 2002, 3:00 p.m.*
*in Cedar-Sinai Hospital, Brea, California.*

His loving mother **Candida Catolico Guiyab**; sister and brothers **Edna, Romulo, Leonardo Jr., Reynaldo**; and sisters-in-law **Lourdes, Maria**, and **Edwina** request the pious reader to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains will arrive from the United States on Wednesday, July 31, 2002 and will lie in state at the Capilla de la Virgen, Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park.

Interment will be on Saturday, August 3, 2002 at Loyola Memorial Park, Sucat, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati City.

*"Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love?*
*Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble*
*or calamity, or are persecuted, or are hungry or cold or*
*in danger or threatened with death?... No, despite*
*all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ,*
*who loved us."*
*(Romans 8:35 & 37)*

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*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.*
*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life*
*and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*
*Psalm 23:1,6*

# DR. CHUNG TING WEE

has gone to be with the Lord on the 24th of July, 2002,
leaving behind his beloved:

Wife – Martha Aquino Chung

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| Hellene | Jacques Niessen | | |
| Myreen | Clemens Van de Pavert | Vincent | |

His body lies at the Parañaque Bible Christian Church,
28 Barcelona St., Merville Park, Parañaque.

Cremation to be held on Tuesday, 30th of July, 2002
at the Loyola Crematorium at 4:00 p.m.

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*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.*

John 3:16

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The Board of Directors,
Officers and Staff of

**SEA CONSULTANTS, INC.**

extend their deepest sympathy
and condolences
to the family of

# VINCENT C. RODRIGUEZ, Ph.D.

**President & General Manager**

*who joined his Creator on July 26, 2002.*

His remains lie in state at the Rodriguez Residence, 0467 Quirino Avenue, La Huerta, Parañaque City.

He will be laid to rest at the Parañaque Catholic Cemetery after the 1:30 p.m. Mass at the St. Andrew's Parish Church, La Huerta, Parañaque City on Tuesday, July 30, 2002.

The SEA Consultants, Inc. family requests the readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

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# Capt. Antonio Gutierrez Sanchez

Merchant Marine
(Fmr) President, Great Southern Maritime Services, Inc.

Died in the Grace of our Lord on July 26, 2002
at the age of 77.

His loving wife **Alicia**; children and in-laws **Michael** & **Cheryl Neese**, **Gerhard** & **Arlene Reislandt**, **Poly** & **Maribel Sanchez**, **Kenneth** & **Donna Lok**, **Koko** & **Faridah Enrile**, **Alvin** & **Adrienne Co**; grandchildren, relatives and friends mourn his passing and will forever cherish his memory.

His remains lie in state at the Apollo Room, Moonwalk Chapel, Armstrong Avenue, Moonwalk Village Phase I, Parañaque City, Metro Manila.

Interment will be on Wednesday, July 31, 2002 after the 11:00 a.m. necrological service. Cremation will follow at 2:00 p.m. at the Manila Memorial Park Crematory, Sucat Road, Parañaque City, Metro Manila.

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***"I am now at peace forever safely home***
***in heaven at last"***

# JESUS TECSON ANIDO

Of Manila and Tacloban City

*Peacefully joined our Lord on July 22, 2002*
*at the age of 90.*

His loving wife, **Maria Larraga Anido**; children **Freddie** and **Girlie Anido, Lynnda** and **Tito Gomez, Pinky** and **Alan Capobianco**; grandchildren **Jojo, Venus, Derrick, Tisha, Jessuel, Apple, Maribeth, Boyet** and **Christine Gomez, Eenna** and **Fernando Gerace, Ila** and **Alvin Alvarez**; greatgrandchildren **Tiger, Dominique, Nala, Francis Luis, Diego** and **Bianca**; brothers **Bert** and wife **Sarah, Bobby, Gus**; stepmother **Doña Nena Aeropagita vda De Anido**; relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the repose of his son.

His remains lie in state at the family residence at P. Burgos Street, Tacloban City. Interment will be on Wednesday, July 31, 2002 at the El Reposo Catholic Cemetery after the 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at the Redemptorist Church.

Our Dearly Beloved Tatay
You Will Be Forever In Our Hearts."

## MANUEL "MANOLO" S. BELLO, SR.

**Palapag, Northern Samar**

Born January 1, 1922 peacefully joined his Creator our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to dwell in the house of the Father forever on July 25, 2002 at the age of 80.

He will be most missed by his children **Alma** & **Lito**, **Nick** & **Erna**, **Jocelyn** & **Yusif**, **Perry** & **Elba**, **Tony** & **Jane**, **Cynthia**, **Junior** & **Nida**; by his grandchildren **Karen** & **Wilber**, **Gian**, **Kristin**, **Michelle**, **Eric**, **Sugar**, **Khalifa**, **Graceill**, **Sophia**, **Felipe**, **Kim**, **Baby girl**, **Mary Ann**, **Janette**, **Janine**, **Manuel III**, **Hazel**; by his great grandchild **Windel**; and by relatives and friends who were given the grace to know and love him.

His body lies in state at La Funeraria Paz Chapel-A2, G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Please pray for our beloved departed.

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*"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, eventhough he dies, and whoever believes in Me will never die."*

*- John 11:25-26*

## GREGORIO TORRES GARCES

**of Gapan City, Nueva Ecija**
**and La Palma, California, USA**

*Peacefully joined our Creator*
*on July 23, 2002 at the age of 80.*

His loving wife **Basilia**; children and children-in-law **Percival & Cynthia**, **Nimfa & Fred Castro**, **Hope & Tony Matandac**, **Bessie & Rafy Zapanta**, **Greg Jr. & Joy**, and **Ulysses**; grandchildren **Gepoy & Geroy**, **Aileen & Arleen**, **Ann & Antonette**, **Mico**, **Gail**, **Lord & Don**, **Bryona**, & **Sebastiane**; relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at Forest Lawn Mortuary in Cypress, California, USA.

Interment will be on Monday, July 29, 2002 at Forest Lawn Memorial Park after the 1:00 p.m. Holy Mass.

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**The Most Rev. Sofio G. Balce, D.D.**
Bishop of Cabanatuan

**The Most Rev. Sofronio A. Bancud, SSS. DD**
Auxiliary Bishop of Cabanatuan

The Clergy, Religions Sisters, Relatives and Laity

announce with deep sorrow the demise of

## REV. MSGR. ERNESTO D. LUMANLAN, H.P.

January 30, 1924 - July 25, 2002

His beloved parents **Mariano Pamintuan Lumanlan** (†) and **Emilia Ayson Dizon** (†); brothers **Atty. Erlaster** (†) and **Engr. Felixberto**; sisters **Ermela** and **Leonor**; in-laws **Luring**, **Alex Lapid** and **Gloria Guina** (†); nephews and nieces; grandchildren; great grandchildren; his other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Bishop Ciceron SM, Tumbocon Memorial Hall at the Maria Assumpta Seminary in Cabanatuan City. Concelebrated Mass will be offered by the Bishops and Clergy of Cabanatuan on July 29, 2002 at 8:30 a.m. after which the body will be transferred to San Isidro Labrador Church in San Isidro, Nueva Ecija.

Cremation will be held on July 30, 2002. Interment will be on Wednesday, July 31, 2002 at the Crypt of the new St. Nicholas Cathedral, Sumacab Este, Cabanatuan City after the 2:00 p.m. Concelebrated Mass.

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In Loving Memory

On the First Death Anniversary of

## FATHER RAUL RODRIGUEZ VILLAMIEL

(June 4, 1956 – July 31, 2001)

Holy Mass will be offered on July 31, 2002,
at St. Peter Parish Church, P. Justo St., Caridad,
Cavite City at 10:30 a.m.

**RSVP, please call telephone numbers - 8058396/8059448**

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*Message of Thanks*

## DR. CELSO REYES ROQUE

*Passed away in the Grace of our Lord*
*on Sunday, June 30, 2002 at the age of 67.*

He was for many years Undersecretary of the DENR
until his retirement in 1991 and recently President of W.W.F. Phils.

His bereaved wife, nee **Norma Sadia**, and their children **Annie** and **Ed Nepomuceno** and **Winnie** and **Dennis Del Castillo**, wish to express their gratitude to all those condoled with them in their hour of bereavement.

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# *Felicisima Dimalanta Bermudez*

**Born on the 31st of May 1911**

*Peacefully joined our Creator on the 27th of July 2002*
*at the age of 91.*

Her loving daughter **Tes B. Choa**; son-in-law **David Choa** (†); grandchildren **Ian** and **Lea Dimaano**, **DG** and **Holly Mananzan**, **Lope** and **Olive Ascalon**, **Tristan**; great grandchildren **Catherine**, **David**, **Michael**, **Nicolas**, **Luis** and **Mark**; sisters **Milagros**, **Violeta** and **Clarita**; brothers **Julio** (†), **Angel**, **Jose** (†), **Johnny**, **Peter** (†) and **Ernesto**; brothers and sisters-in-law mourn her passing and pray for her eternal rest.

Her remains lie in state at the Capilla de la Virgen, Santuario de San Antonio Parish, Forbes Park, Makati City on Monday, July 29, 2002. Cremation will follow on Tuesday, July 30, 2002.

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## Patria Palencia Alarkon

*Died peacefully at the age of 67*
*on July 25, 2002.*

Her beloved brothers and sisters Rudy & Lyd, Gil & Celing, Cathy, Itang, Jun & Sioning, Waldo & Techie, David & Grace, Manny & Eve, and Cynthia, other relatives, and dear friends mourn her passing and wish her eternal rest.

Her body lies in state at the Sacred Heart Chapel at Kamagong, Sacred Heart St., Makati City.

Interment will be on Saturday, August 3, 2002, 10:00 a.m. Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Chapel before the burial.

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*"Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it so much as dawned on man what God has prepared for those who love Him."*

1 Corinthians 2:9

## *Christophera "Pura" Roxas Leveriza*

*Peacefully joined her husband* ***Raul***
*in the presence of our Lord on July 26, 2002.*

Her loving children **Dennis** and **Naila**, **Boy** and **Mona**, **Toy** and **Betty**, **Yoly** and **Gerry**, **Manny** and **Susan**; grandchildren **Terence** and **Susan**, **May** and **Dennis**, **Dennis Jr.**, **Ramon**, **Lesley**, **Regis**, **Mike**, **Kevin**, **Chris**, **Daphne**, **Bianca**, **Gia**, **JR**, **Jack**, **Albert**, **Tenille** and **Jacko**; great grandchildren **Franco** and **Erin**, request all readers to pray for her eternal repose in the arms of our Lord.

Her remains lie in state at St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori Chapel, Magallanes Village, Makati City.

The funeral Mass will be held on July 30, 2002 at 8:00 a.m. at the St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori Church. Cremation will take place thereafter at Manila Memorial.

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## MODESTO CIPRIANO D. SOTO

**of Bacolor, Pampanga and California**

*October 25, 1930 - July 22, 2002*

His loving wife **Aurora Pineda Soto**; children **Eduardo** and **Mercedes**, **Ma. Cecile**, **Ma. Lourdes**, and **Albert** and **Lani**; grandchildren **John**, **Joan**, **Marc**, **EJ**, **DJ**, **Hazel** and **James**; and other relatives grieve for his passing and request readers to pray for the repose of his soul.

His remains will lie in state from July 29 to 31, 2002 at the Bacolor Parish Church and will be cremated at 2:00 p.m. on July 31, 2002 at La Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City after a 9:30 a.m. Mass in Bacolor.

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Our Beloved Mama

## AURORA "AURING" AREVALO-EDEJER

of DBP Escolta and Makati Office

*Rejoined her Maker on July 26, 2002*
*at the age of 79.*

Her loving husband, **Arcadio**; children **Abet & Nova**, **Ruben & Tessa**, **Roel & Rita**, **Tino & Lyn**; grandchildren request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the St. Peter Memorial Chapels, Quezon Avenue corner Scout Chuatoco, Quezon City.

Cremation is scheduled on Monday, July 29, 2002, 2:00PM at the Eternal Gardens Crematorium, Balintawak, Quezon City.

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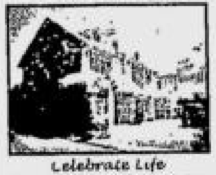

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NOTE: A Pre-Bidding Conference will be held for A1 on **August 19, 2002**; 10:00 a.m. at SLRO Bidding Room.

Complete sets of Application Form for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be obtained from the Office of the Manager, Administration Division, SLRC, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P100.00 per schedule starting **July 29, 2002**. No bid documents will be issued on the date of bidding.

Bids will be received at the SLRC Bidding Room, NPC-SLRC, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna until 2:00 o'clock p.m. on the date specified above after which Eligibility Requirements and initial Technical Proposals of eligibility bidders will be opened in the presence of attending bidders.

Prospective Bidders shall signify conformance to bidding terms and conditions as required and shall ensure the same through proper submission/ execution. Bids shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of "Executive Order 262 and 40."

The Bidder shall furnish as part of his bid, a bid security in the amount equivalent to at least 2.5% of the approved budget in the form of Cash, Manager's/Cashier's Check, Irrevocable Letter of Credit, Surety Bond, penal and callable on demand issued by a Surety or Insurance Company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commission.

The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at anytime prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligations to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds for the basis of the BAC's action.

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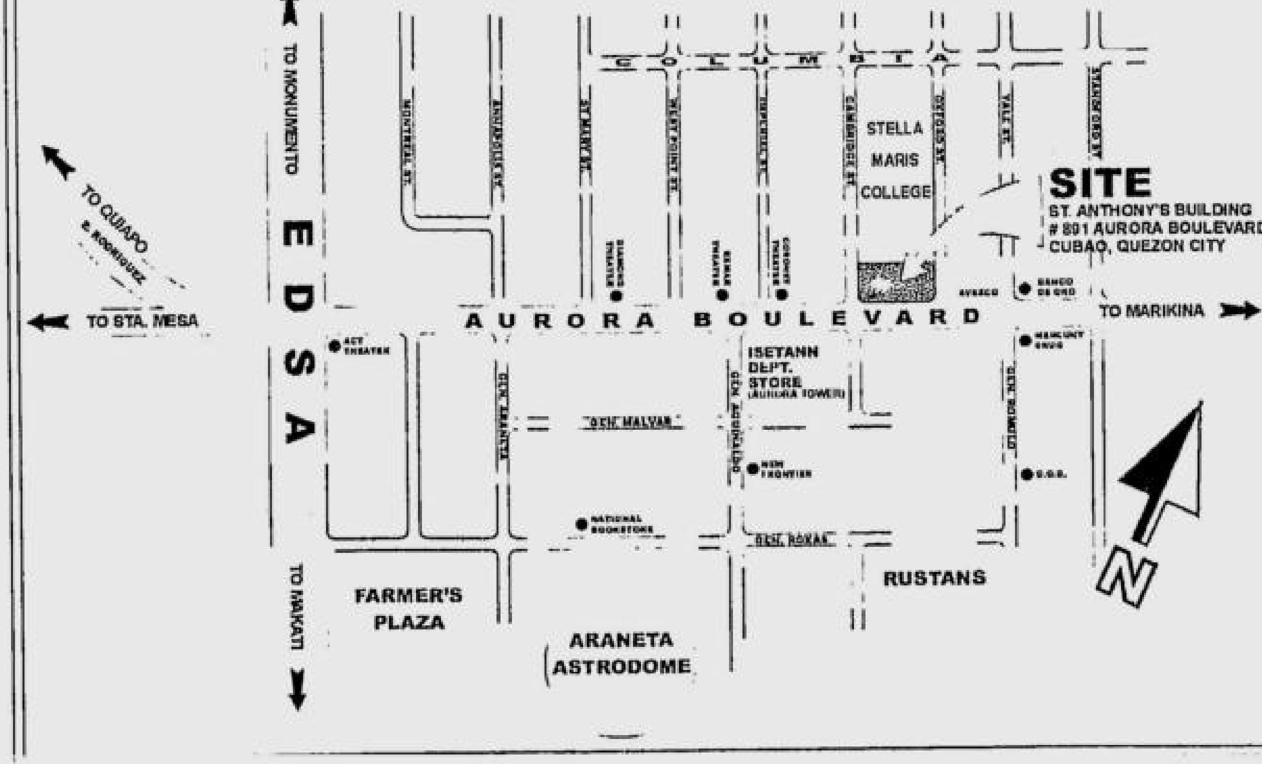

# 'The diabetic who knows the most lives the longest'

THE TITLE line came from Dr. Elliot P. Joslin more than 70 years ago. The good doctor realized then that for diabetics to improve their quality of life and increase their chances of survival, they needed to know what they were dealing with.

Today, after seven decades, educating diabetics has become an indispensable part of treating the disease. Even the World Health organization (WHO) said, "Education is a cornerstone of diabetic therapy."

It was for this reason that Dr. Augusto D. Litonjua, the medical education director and chair of medicine at the Makati Medical Center and physician-in-charge of the MMC Diabetes Educational Clinic, established the Philippine Center for Diabetes Education Foundation in 1992. According to Litonjua, "the vast majority of the population – including many diabetics – know very little or nothing at all about the deadly disease, Our goal then is to provide an intensive diabetes education program to as many patients, families, and caregivers as possible through a Diabetes Center."

The Diabetes Center trains trainors who man the satellite educational clinics of the Foundation; creates and develops educational materials on diabetes prevention and management; and supplies all its satellite clinics with the necessary educational materials.

"Diabetes is so complex and so demanding that proper education becomes an important and integral part of diabetes treatment," Litonjua said. "Diabetics must learn to eat the proper diet, learn to exercise regularly, continue their medications, learn to take proper care of their teeth and feet if they want to have quality life," he adds.

But the foundation realizes that patients cannot do these things all by themselves and would need help. "That's why the patient must be a part of a team. Diabetes is so complex and demanding that no doctor would have the time to fully handle all the patient's needs. This team includes the doctor as the coordinator and chief medical decision-maker. Other members would be the dietitian, the nurse educator, and a fitness instructor," Dr. Litonjua explains. He further emphasized the importance of regular blood sugar screening to detect early signs of diabetes, especially for people who have high cholesterol, who are obese, or are genetically predisposed. "If you have all these, you should immediately get a blood sugar screening," he advises.

Current WHO statistics show that there are at least 2.5 million Filipinos afflicted with Type 2 diabetes – the country's eighth leading cause of mortality. With rapid urbanization, dietary changes, aging population, decreased physical activity, and unhealthy lifestyles, the number of people affected by diabetes is expected to swell. But with all the efforts being exerted by the Philippine Center for Diabetes Education Foundation to educate diabetics, their families, and the medical community, this incurable disease can be controlled.

The Philippine Center for Diabetes Education Foundation will celebrate the 10th Diabetes Awareness Week. The week-long event will kick off at the Glorietta Activity Center in Makati today, July 28, and will culminate on Aug. 4 at the Festival Supermall in Filinvest, Alabang. Highlights of the celebration are the announcement of winners in the "Search for Diabetes Management Achievers" and the launch of an original song for diabetics. During the week, different satellite clinics will hold lectures to stress the importance of early detection and prevention of diabetes complications, while leading drugstores around the country will screen first-degree relatives of diabetics. There will be games and entertainment for everyone.

### A FORGING OF TIES

The cities of Manila and Beijing recently signed a memorandum of friendly exchange and cooperation at the Manila City Hall. The signing ceremony was part of the first Filipino-Chinese Friendship Day celebration June 9, which was initiated by the Chinese Filipino Business Club (CFBC) in coordination with the governments of the Philippines and China. Manila Mayor Jose L. Atienza (fourth from left) exchanges copies of the memorandum with Liu Zhengmin, Secretary of the Standing Committee of the Beijing People's Congress. Looking on are (from left) CFBC honorary president Dante Go, Manila Councilor Miles Roces, secretary to the Mayor lawyer Emmanuel Sison, Ambassador Wang Chungui of the People's Republic of China, and CFBC president Aw Peng Lam.

### OVERFLOWING ABUNDANCE AT EXHIBIT

PCSO chair Honey Girl S. de Leon and Civic leader Narda Camacho cut the ceremonial fishing net to formally open the traveling painting exhibit of positivism exponent and painter ER Tagle (center, in barong) entitled 'Overflowing Abundance' at the Skyline Art Gallery/Restaurant at Emerald Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City at the 8th floor of the Wynsum Corporate Plaza. The exhibit is open to the public until July 28, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Proceeds from the sales will benefit less-fortunate children attending free art lessons conducted by Tagle and his artist-friends. Also present at the ceremony are Willy Mercado, Dr. Jay Ambalada, Hiroki and Yukie Kabayashi and children, Susan Ramota with daughter Sarah, art curator Tess Recio, Sheryl Ng, artists Elmer and Jane Oliva, Mar Bongalon, Elver Panuela, Rolly de Vera, Romy Lacson, Gene de Loyola, Gene Mamaril, and Joseph Ablay.

### PLDT-IRRI PARTNERSHIP

PLDT has recently inked two separate agreements with the International Rice Research Institute for the provision of high-speed digital Internet access, as well as an international private leased line for Irri's voice, video, and data needs. Irri, a non-profit organization dedicated to agricultural research and training to improve the well-being of present and future generations of rice farmers and consumers, has availed itself of the I-Gate (Internet Gateway) and IPL (International Private Line) services of PLDT to address its growing telecommunications requirements. Shown seated, from left, are Renato Castaneda, center head-regional corporate large accounts, Alfredo S. Panlilio, SVP-corporate business group, Ronaldo Cantrell, Irri director general, Paul O' Nolan, Irri IT head. Standing, from left, are Jimsey Fernando, sales engineer, Gay DG Munarriz, corporate solutions executive, Chris Cordero, CBG, Ronaldo Mendoza, division head, South Luzon 1, Ronald David, CBG, lawyer Wilfredo Gloria, Irri senior legal counsel, Jojo L. Guce, senior manager, Irri materials management services, Cherryl Breva, staff, Irri legal services, and Jun Sumera, team leader, sales engineer.

## SHDA elects new officers

THE SUBDIVIDION and Housing Developers Association (SHDA), the country's prime organization of housing developers, elected its new set of officers for 2002-2003 on July 4 at the Shangri-La Hotel Makati. Lawyer Teofisto L. Guingona III, chair of Tierra Minerva Properties Inc. and Jesus B, Atencio, president of Firm Builders Realty Development Corp., were elected as board chair and national president, respectively.

GUINGONA III

ATENCIO

Guingona graduated from the Ateneo de Manila University with a Bachelors Degree in Economics. He obtained his law degree from the Ateneo Law School in 1985. He was SHDA governor in 1993-1994.

Atencio is likewise a graduate of the Ateneo De Manila University, with a Bachelors Degree in Psychology. His post-graduate studies include a Masteral Program from the Center for Research and Communication in Applied Business Economics. Atencio has continued to infuse fresh ideas to SHDA activities and is responsible for the success of the recent two-day National Developers Convention, where he served as overall chair.

Other members of the SHDA board governors elected were Marilu M. Alferez of Robinsons Land, Romarico Alvarez of PA Alvarez Properties & Development Corp., Roy D. Calleja of Solar Resources, Benirando D. Claudio of Makar Properties Development, Bansan C. Choa of Confed Properties, Manuel J. Colayco Jr. of Laguna Properties Holdings, Marcelino C. Mendoza of Crown Asia Properties, Linda A. Tan of RJ Lhinet Development Corp., Willie J. Uy of Phinma Properties Holdings, Fely T. Ramos of Filinvest Land, Ma. Teresa H. Pajarillo of Pajarillo & Delfin Development Corp., Luis Yu of Urban Basic Housing Corp., and Francisco M. Soriano of FM Soriano Group of Companies.

Past SHDA presidents appointed as board advisers were Mariano D. Martinez Jr of Delfin Hermanos, Noel S. Gonzales of Essential Housing Partners, Guillermo C. Choa of Property Company of Friends, Andrea V. Bernhard of NJR Realty & Development Corp., architect Jose S. de Guzman of Forte Realty Corp., and Reynaldo S. Guevara of Honeycomb Builders.

### ZF ECOMAT AWARD

ZF Southeast Asia managing director FX Laubscher (3rd from right) hands over to Johnny Hernandez, president and GM of Victory Liner, the Ecomat 1,000,000 km award. On hand to witness the event were (from left) Marty Diaz De Rivera, managing director of ATI-ZF Service Philippines, Alex Yague, president of PBOAP and Philtranco, Friedrich Helmut Porzelt, senior manager of ZF Friedrichschafen AG, Mars Ochoa, ZF Philippines country manager, and Antonio T. Inducil, president of ATI Group Inc. ZF is the world's largest supplier of independent components and systems to transport manufacturers MAN, Mercedes Benz, Volvo, BMW, Iveco, Audi, Ford, Opel, Hino, Isuzu, Daewoo and Hyundai.

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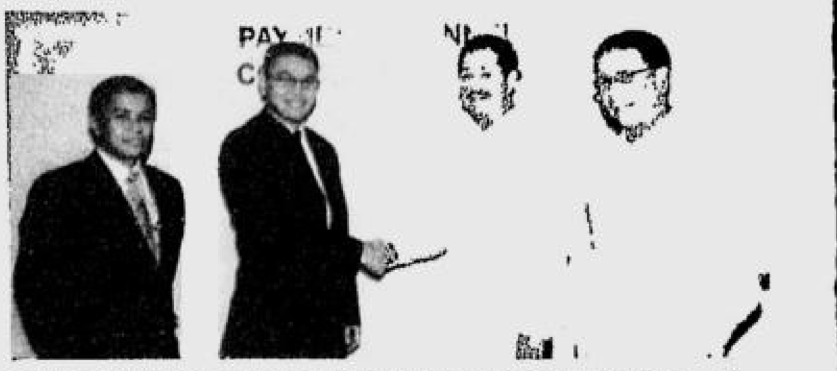
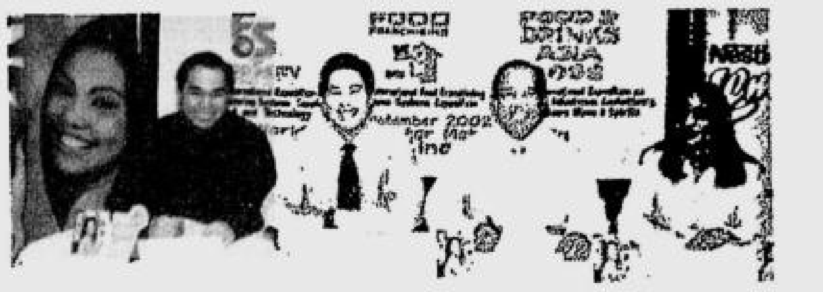


### CITIBANK CARD PAYMENTS AT SM MALLS

Citibank, the country's largest single bank issuer of credit cards, has teamed up with SM Department Stores and Supermarkets to enable all Citibank cardholders to pay their Citibank credit card bills through SM service counters and bill payment counters nationwide. All SM branches, such as SM Megamall, SM North Edsa, SM Makati, SM Manila, SM Las Pinas, SM Bacoor, and SM Pampanga are now accepting Citibank credit card payments everyday, from store opening until 7 p.m. Cash payments will be posted within two banking days, while check payments are subject to clearing. Shown at the contract signing, from left, are Ray P. Tan, Citibank VP for CitiPhone, Randy J. Uson, Citibank VP for transaction services, Ricky A. Lim, SM Inc. SVP for controllership, and Jojo T. Mendiola, SM Inc. SVP for operations.



### NESTLE CONTRACT SIGNING

Nestle Foodservices and Trade Information Marketing and Exhibitions Inc. (TIME) recently signed a contract agreement at the Vending Showroom at the Nestle Center, Rockwell Center in Makati. Nestle Foodservices signed the agreement for joining AsiaFood Expo 2002, the 11th Exposition on Food Processing, Packaging and Handling Machinery, Equipment and Technology from Sept. 4 to 7 at the World Trade Center Metro Manila. TIME is the organizer of AsiaFood Expo. Nestle Foodservices will also launch its Nescafe Cool and Nestle Lemonade, as well as sponsor the continuous supply of coffee and chocolate at the AsiaFood Expo VIP Lounge. Shown, from left, are Paolo Serrano, project head for AsiaFood Expo, Nestle Foodservices, Alex Ong Oh, assistant vice president-beverages, Nestle Foodservices, Manuel Parroco, senior vice president, Nestle Foodservices and Annie Bersaluna, trade promotions director, TIME.

### ELECTRIFYING

An exposition featuring ultra-slim LCD television sets, revolutionary 1-bit DVD home theater systems and bacteria-killing plasma cluster air-conditioners is now ongoing at the Festival Supermall at the Filinvest Corporate City in Alabang, Muntinlupa until today, July 28. For every single purchase worth P1,000 at the 'Sharp Electrifying Expo', buyers get one raffle ticket and a chance to win a 21-inch flat TV, cellular phones, and other prizes. Also offered are sharp deals on cash or credit card purchases. Product specialists are shown explaining the details of the 30-inch Aquos LCD TV to a prospective customer. The Expo is the first of a series of product exhibitions to be presented by Sharp in Metro Manila and key cities in the Philippines.

## BITS & Clips

### Knowledge management implementation planning

THE PRODUCTIVITY and Development Center-Development Academy of the Philippines (PDC-DAP) invites all middle managers, supervisors and technical staff from the industry, government, academe and service sectors to the Workshop on Knowledge Management Implementation Planning on July 29, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Workshop Room 1, DAP Conference Center, San Miguel Avenue, Pasig City. The workshop aims to provide participants with the opportunity to understand knowledge management principles, framework, and application as well as enable them to plan for a successful knowledge management implementation. Kim Leng Tan, managing partner of Knowledge Drivers International, Singapore, shall be the resource speaker. For inquiries, call 631-2137.

### Diabetics club turns 3

THE CLINICA Manila Diabetic Club of Dr. Milagros Gomez will celebrate its third anniversary today, July 28, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Club Filipino, Eisenhower Street, San Juan. Nutritionists and other diabetic specialists will speak on topics of concern for diabetics. Games and raffle prizes will spice up the event. Gomez started the club to educate diabetic patients on understanding the nature of their illness and how they can help prevent or delay diabetes with the help of their family members and friends. The club also provides moral support to its members. For inquiries, call 564-2148 or 562-6842.

### Techniques to up shrimp prawn survival

THE COUNTRY produces 20,000 tons of shrimps (prawns included) a year, and ranks 9th among exporters. The reason lies not so much in the quality, which meets world standards, but the quantity of the Philippine produce. Local growers can bag a bigger share of the market through increased production under controlled conditions. The Technology and Livelihood Resource Center (TLRC) will conduct a seminar on Current Options for Intensive Prawn Farming today, July 28, and Aug. 4, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. under expert Jonathan Nacario. The course will focus on environment-friendly technologies and increased defense mechanisms of prawns for higher survival rates. For inquiries, call TLRC at 633-5709 and 633-6728, or at 637-4108 to 12 local 605.

### Family and media seminar

ETHEL Gina D. Bailon, former secretary of the Philippine Association for Media Education (Pame), as well as the level coordinator of the intermediate department of Paref Woodrose School, has organized a seminar titled "The Family and Media" on Aug. 3 at the Lay Formation center of Cabuyao, Laguna. The speaker will be Bernard Canaberal, TV host and radio announcer, an international speaker and former vice president of Pame. Two other media personalities will join the seminar and express their views about helping create a positive climate in media. Darlene Tan, one of the Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines of 1998-1999 and former RPN 9 newscaster, will be the master of ceremonies. Pame Cabuyao Center will also be formed to organize media awareness activities for Cabuyao. For more information, call Bailon at 0917-7496645, (049)531-3991, or 850-6380 local 109.

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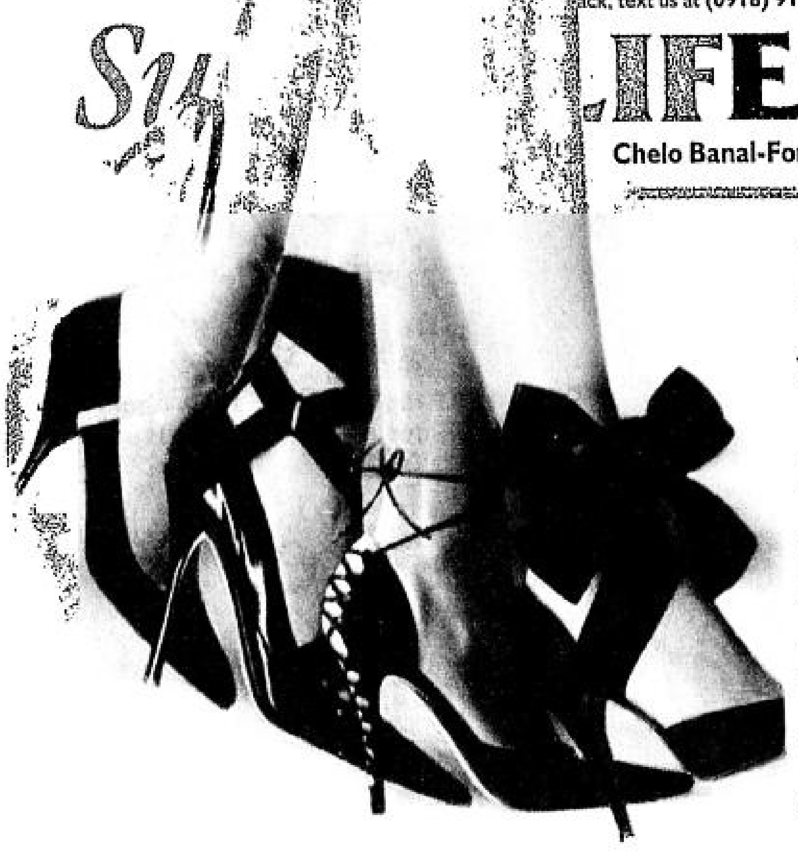

# Deadly heels with sexy ribbons, instructive romp with younger man

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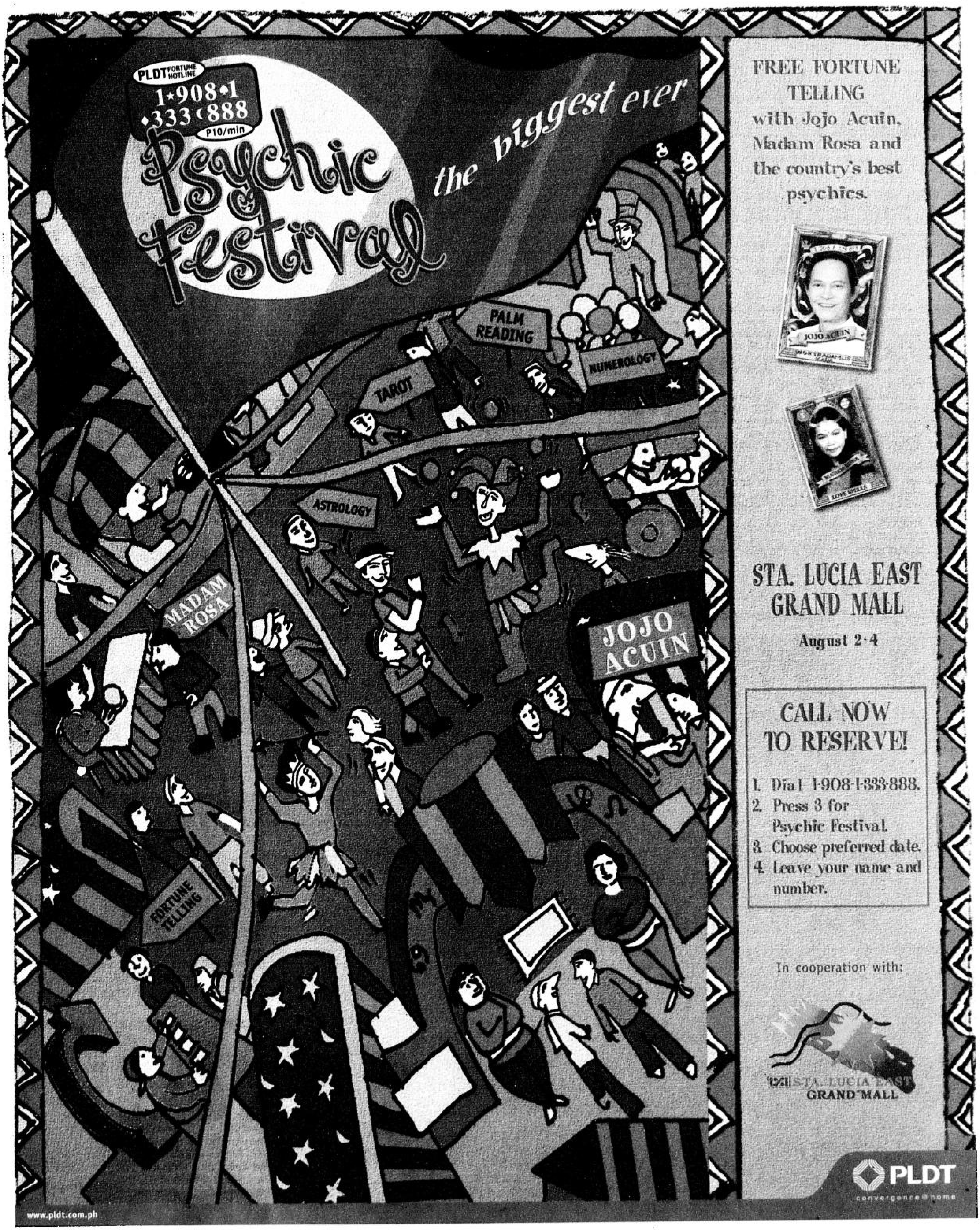
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# HE SAID, SHE SAID

*This week's columnists:*

*Juliano Z.K. Panganiban, M.D.*
*Urologic Surgeon*
*St. Luke's Medical Center and*
*Chinese General Hospital*

*Sonia Castro-Rodriguez, M.D., FPPA*
*Asst. Professor; UERM MMC, Dept. of Psychiatry*
*President; Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists*
*of the Phils, Inc. (CAPPI)*

Question:

Hi! I am writing you to ask your opinion about my condition. I am 45 years old and an executive here in Makati. I have been diagnosed as having diabetes. Lately, I have been experiencing some problems with my sexual health. When my wife and I get intimate, I am not able to sustain my erection and consummate our love-making. I feel bad that I am not able to "perform" and satisfy my wife. It has now come to a point that I avoid physical contact knowing that she will just get disappointed. I know she feels bad about this, too. She thinks she is not pretty and sexy enough for me anymore! Worse, she's becoming suspicious! I hope you can help me. What should I do? Who should I see or consult? Our family doctor is a lady - I'm not so sure if I should open this up with her. Please help. - Greg

Answer 1:

Greg, there are many things about erectile dysfunction we are now just beginning to understand. Among them is the fact that some diseases can contribute to ED, diabetes being one. Others can be hypertension, depression, some other blood vessel diseases, certain operations and even lifestyle factors like stress, alcohol intake, smoking and certain medications.

Having these conditions predisposes one to ED and this could get worse, unless these conditions are treated or changed. What's more, the harder you try to please your wife - the more you won't respond in the way you'd like. This is called "performance anxiety." If you are not relaxed, uptight and tense - then you have what I call a " sympathetic discharge " that really hastens ED.

Naturally, this is disturbing when you could not get intimate and perform as expected. It is important for you and your wife to see your doctor regarding this matter. Mutual understanding about your condition is a step towards treating anything wrong (be it the ED or the diabetes). If you are not comfortable seeing your family physician, go to a urologist.

Your doctor could explain why you may have ED, allay your apprehensions about ED, propose certain things like a general check up and offer options that are readily available to improve your sexual health.

Remember, ED may unmask some medical disease (diabetes in your case ). So it is important for you to see your doctor. As I've always said, " it may be easy to treat ED but more difficult to manage the disease that caused it."

- Dr. Nonoy

Answer 2:

It is heartening to know that you are conscious of how your wife feels. Having been brought up and to a certain extent - expected to be nurturing of others, many women are more concerned about their partner's pleasure than about their own. Thus, your avoidance of physical contact will truly drive her nuts! She will not only feel insecure about herself; she will also question your fidelity. If this is ignored, your marriage will definitely be strained.

Communication is the first step in resolving this problem. Your wife has to know that she is not the problem and that you would like to enlist her help in trying to find out its cause. This way, she will not take things personally and see you as the enemy. You must feel comfortable opening up to your family doctor, as she is the best person to consult. No one knows your family's medical history better than your family physician. Visit her with your wife and discuss the problem together. If she is not comfortable discussing your situation, she can refer you to the proper specialists if needed. There are regimens now available including medications for your condition and many couples have benefited from these. It is a pity if this problem is left unmanaged.

- Dra. Des

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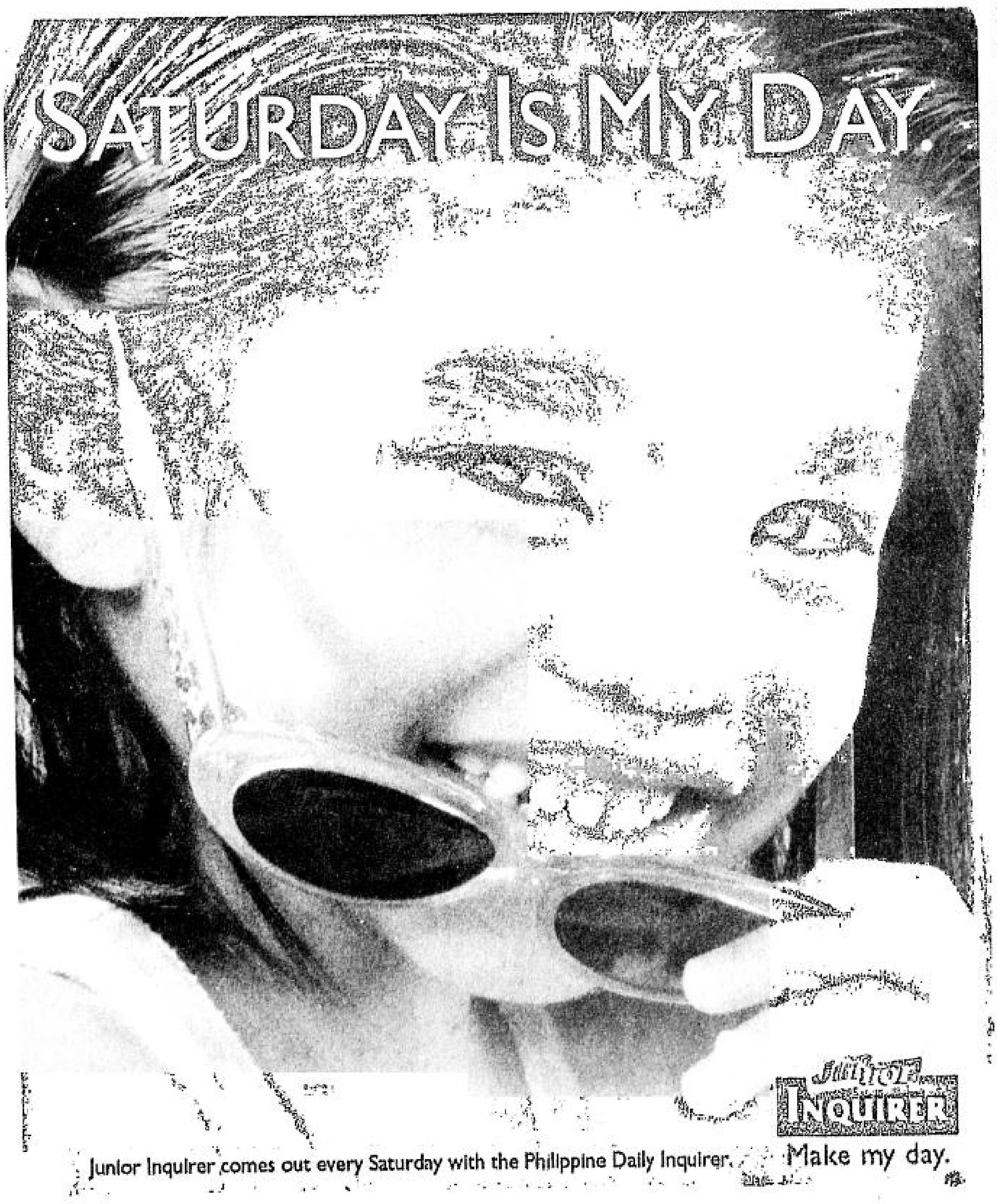

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BERT Nievera sings a Filipino song dedicated to Guam Lt. Gov. Madeleine Bordallo.

# Hitting the greens in Guam

**TEESAW**

*Raul Teehankee*

GOING to Guam is like coming home to the Philippines. The tropical climate, coconut trees, coastal roads and hospitable people are obvious reminders of home. Include typhoons as another commonality.

We experienced Typhoon Guam two days after our arrival, but survived the mini ordeal, being protected by the sturdy Alupang Beach Tower, our home away from home.

Our schedules were arranged by the Filipino community of Guam, presided by businessman **Emelio Uy**, and by the organizer of the celebrity golf classic bearing his name, balladeer and former QC councilor **Fernando "Dingdong" Avanzado,** and his gorgeous wife **Jessa Zaragoza**.

The sojourn had many highlights, one of which was the welcome dinner hosted by Guam Gov. **Carl Gutierrez** and his charming wife **Geri** in the Governor's Mansion at Agana Heights.

It was a sumptuous buffet of roast beef, thick sweet ham and *lechon de Guam* washed down with lots of American ale.

### Show must go on

The next afternoon, the weather gods allowed us to play 18 holes of golf at the Alte Guam Resort Hotel. But most of the players in their Jack Nicklaus shirts ended up soaking wet under the intermittent rainshowers.

As they say in the entertainment business, the show must go on, and so with the evening cocktails hosted by Continental Airlines president **Bill Mehan** at the exclusive Guam Hilton.

Adding spice and entertainment were **Gary Lising**, who brought the house down with his irreverent humor; sexy **Ara Mina**, jazz singer **Richard Merck**; and **Bert Nievera**, who sang a Tagalog song dedicated to the special guest of honor, Lt. Gov. **Madeleine Bordallo**.

### Typhoon entertainment

On Day 3 in Guam, the weather bureau hoisted Signal No. 1 over the islands, with 250 kph winds expected by mid-afternoon. People were warned to stay indoors. During past typhoons, vehicles had been blown straight up into the air!

Cooped up in the Alupang Beach Tower apartments, the Filipino celebrity golfers entertained themselves. The Montenegro sisters **Nadia**, **Kat** and **Tania**, together with **Robby Tarozza** and **Joed Serrano**, whipped up delicious pots of *sinigang na manok* and *adobong baboy*, which was devoured with gusto by **Jake Roxas** and **Patrick Guzman**.

The eating binge was followed by a pajama party. **Raymart Santiago, Robin Da Roza, Hervie** and **Henry Arabelo** indulged in a game of "Scategories." Action men **Phillip Salvador, Al Quinn, Buboy Garavillo**, **Ding Bolanos** and award-winning composer **Archie Castillo** had set up a 7-card stud poker game in their suite.

By 3 a.m., the winds had dissipated, and K-Mart finally reopened, meaning that Guam was returning to normalcy after the typhoon. The typhoon had downed electrical poles and most of the islands were on generator power.

From our balcony, we could see the debris on the streets. But the efficiency of the state system was such that workers were immediately on the scene, repairing and clearing the damages.

The Golf Awarding Ceremonies finally pushed through at the Marriott Hotel on our last day in Guam. The winner of the Dingdong Avanzado Celebrity Golf Classic was announced: **Danny Javier** of the Apo Hiking Society, with Phillip Salvador as runner-up.

Before the closing ceremonies, Dingdong and Jessa sang a duet to express the group's sincerest *Si yu'os ma'ase* (Thank you's) and *Adios* (Goodbyes) to Guam. And then we sped off to the airport to catch our 3½-hour flight back to Manila.

MARIO Dumaual, Bayani Mercado, Philippine Consul General to Guam and Lhar Santiago

DINGDONG Avanzado, Guam trip organizer, waves the flag with assistants Hervie and Henry Arabelo.

ALTE Guam Golf resort GM Ben Mayoyo explains the tournament's rules while Patrick Guzman practices his swing.

LOVELY Guamanian-Filipina Sheena Black flanked by Alvin Anson, Jake Roxas, Robin da Roza and Raymart Santiago

TESSIE Marcos, vice chair of the Guam Airport Authority, with son Gary at the Governor's mansion.

CHAMORRO Martin Gerber with Filipina wife Elizabeth, at the Continental Airlines cocktails at the Hilton

CONTINENTAL Airlines president William "Bill" Mehan

ARA Mina and Jessa Zaragoza

**EDWARD Go**, Ambassador Jacky Foo, Mayor Jejomar Binay, Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr., Josephine Au-Yeong and Tourism Undersecretary Oscar Palabyab

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# Business execs grace opening of 5-star serviced residences in Makati

FRASER Place Forbes Tower Manila, the newest five-star serviced residences, recently opened in Makati.

During the formal opening, two towering female models stood side by side, dressed in what appeared to be bustiers of silver. As the music played, they slowly turned around toward opposite sides, unfurling a banner that read "Welcome to Fraser Place," which the guests of honor cut to officially open the property.

The guests were led by Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay; Housing Secretary Mike Defensor; Singapore Ambassador Jacky Foo; Sen. Jun Magsaysay; Tourism Undersecretary Oscar Palabyab; Edward S. Go, chairperson, United Coconut Planters Bank; Wellington Soong, director, Seafrigate; Dr. Josephine Au-Yeong, CEO, Global Realty Advisors (Singapore); Fraser Place general manager Carlo Gomez and his principals from Singapore, Jeffrey Heng, CEO, Centrepoint Properties Ltd., and Choe Peng Sum, COO, Fraser Serviced Residences Pte. Ltd.

But the image that remained in everybody's mind was the sight of hundreds of butterflies released to signal Fraser Place Manila's formal opening. Guests tried to touch the dainty, fragile butterflies that fluttered over their heads.

The main party was held at the 31st floor of Sky Lounge, where a string ensemble played under the skies and a harpist provided the soothing, relaxing atmosphere in the lounge amid candles and ikebana. On the pool, the Aquabelle Dancers performed their synchronized swimming, after which a troop of fire-eaters regaled the audience with their daring feats.

The other guests were property developer Joey Antonio of Century Properties, fashion

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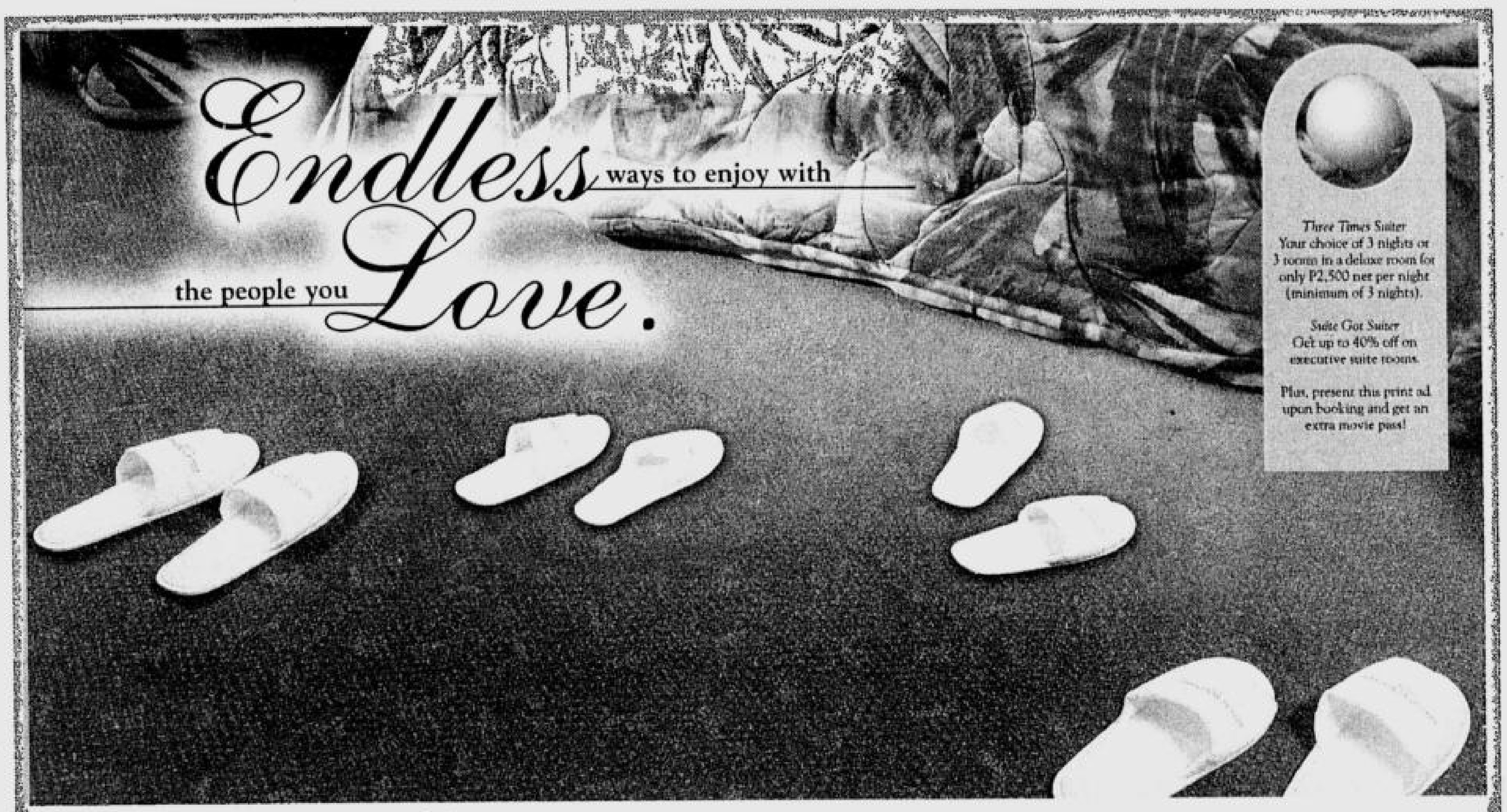

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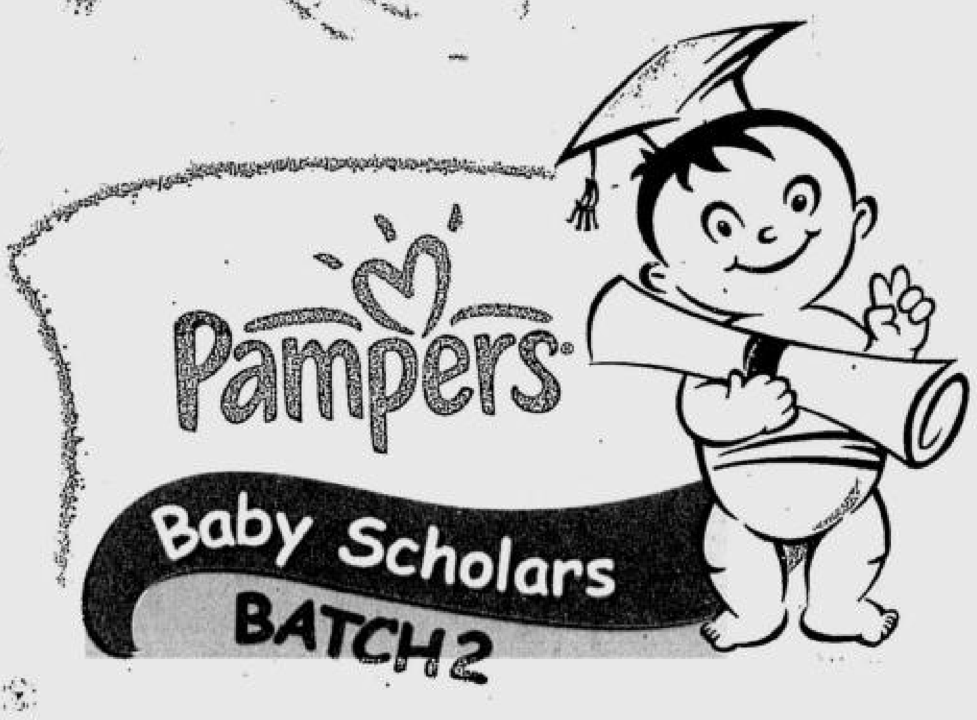

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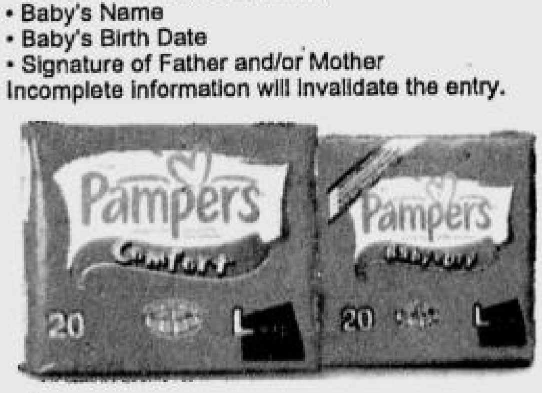

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10. Promo period is from July 1, 2002 up to October 31, 2002.

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# Business execs grace opening . . .

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designer Lulu Tan-Gan with security specialist Josef Gueta, Rosanna Peña with Elena Arias and brother Ed Bouffard; cable executive Paco Magsaysay; Chichi Lizot with husband ADB executive Patrick; Ramon Sy with architect daughter Ana; Bvlgari's Mario Katigbak, architects Bong Recio and Jun Palafox, Singapore Airlines' Rita Dy, and INQUIRER publisher Isagani Yambot.

Also seen were UCPB's Andy Alcid with Christine Carandang, Singapore Embassy's Robin Chua and Paul Koh, '60s icon Gemma Suzara, advertising man Dodie Diaz, Carmita Francisco, Singaporean journalist Abby Tan, Mandarin's Charisse Chuidian, Salva Catacutan, Arlyn Asuncion, Love Garden's Nina Halley with husband Simon, singer Raymond Lauchengco and actor Gus Aldeguer.

The Fraser team came in full force from Singapore, Seoul and London, headed by Bhupesh Yadav, regional operations director; Joanne Ang, regional sales and marketing director; Eunice Yap, marketing consultant; Jeffrey Wong, general manager of Fraser Place Singapore; Lieu Kui Fah, general manager of the newly opened Fraser Suites Seoul; Guus Bakker, executive director of the four Fraser properties in London.

Impressed by the whole production were the four journalists from the Singapore press that Fraser flew in for the opening: Solomon Lim, Singapore Press Holdings; Grace Tay, Today; Serene Goh, The Edge; and Lianna Garcellano, Frequent Traveler.

The evening was capped by a fireworks display from the 41/F of the other tower while the string ensemble played '50s favorites.

**GUUS** Bakker and Liew Kui Fah

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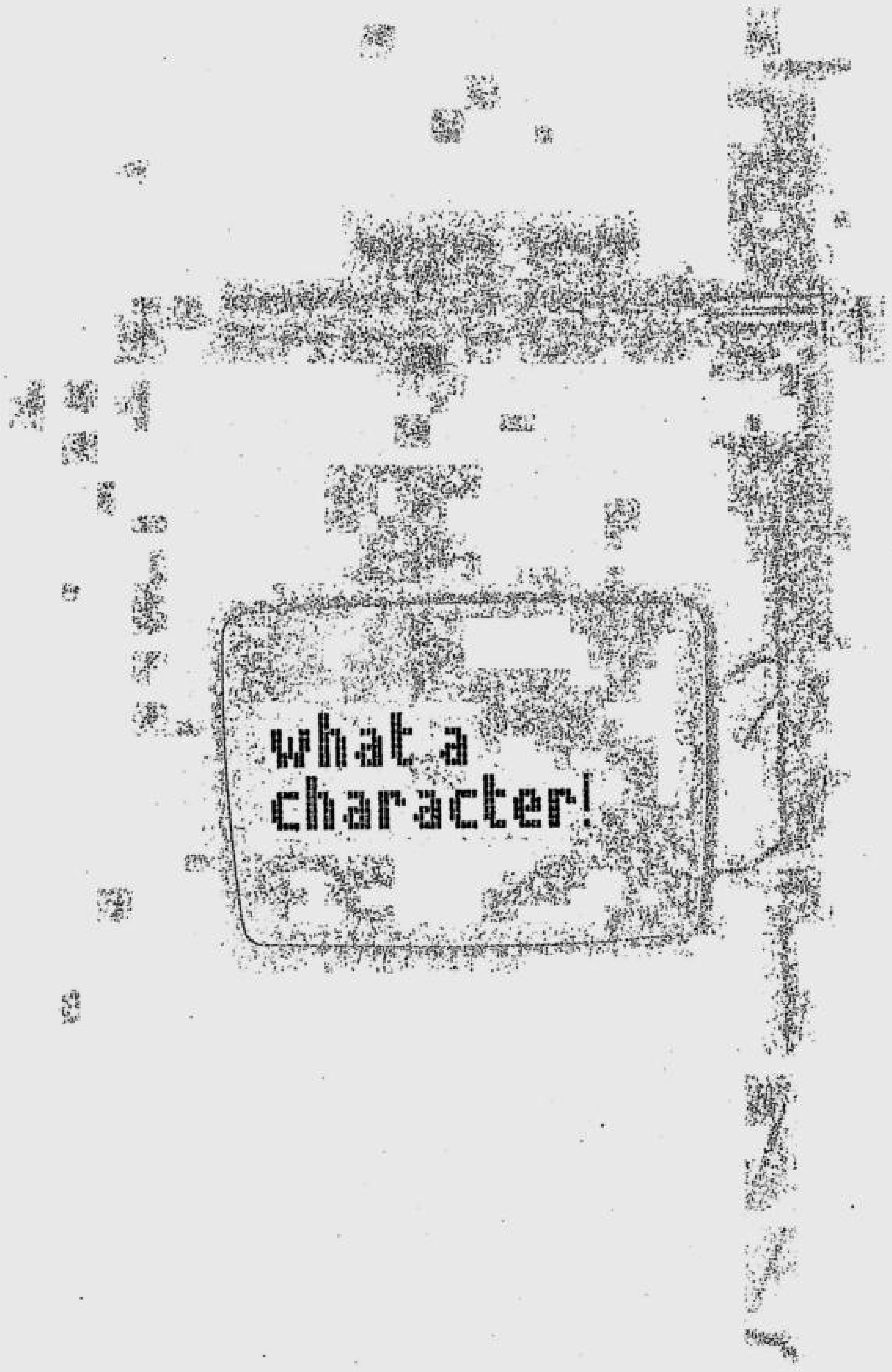

# Unifem holds installation of officers

THE UNITED Nations Development Fund for Women (Unifem) Philippine committee will hold its installation ceremonies for its officers and board of trustees for biennium 2002-2004 on July 31 at the Manila Golf Club, Makati City.

Terence D. Jones, resident representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), will be the special guest of honor and inducting officer of the new officers.

The newly elected officers and trustees are: Olga S. Martel, chair; Georgitta P. Puyat, president; Virma P. Vergel de Dios, vice president; Alma M. Calleja, secretary; Lourdes C. Quezon, asst. secretary; Mabel G. Abano, treasurer; Carmen R. Africa, asst. treasurer; and Elizabeth L. Enriquez and Erlinda E. Panlilio, trustees. Former Sen. Leticia R. Shahani and Erlinda T. Villanueva are advisers of the organization.

Georgitta "Beng" Puyat's accomplishments as a civic leader is noteworthy, having served in various leading capacities, often as president or chair in several sociocivic organizations. With Puyat's installation as president, she will bring a vast wealth of experience as she leads the organization towards new directions in its efforts to develop a more vibrant organization to advance Unifem's mission for women's empowerment and gender equality.

Unifem, the women's fund at the United Nations, was created by a UN General Assembly Resolution in 1976, following a call from women's organizations attending the 1975 UN First World Conference on Women in Mexico City.

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# Deadly heels with sexy ribbons, instructive romp with younger man

**T'NT TRENDS & TRENDINGS**
*Anton San Diego*

**MUST-have shoes—killer heels with sexy ribbons!** Women can't get enough of shoes. Can you blame them? With the multitude of styles, heights and colors, there is so much to choose from. I first came across this style with **YSL**'s spring/summer collection and thought they were sexy. Now, a lot of shoe designers from **Loubotin** to **Gucci**, **Pierre Hardy** are going the same route. And what makes it a must-have? It's flirtatious, fun, elegant and did I say sexy?

**Must-read book—"Social Crimes."** This is the perfect read for those rainy days where all you want to do is stay in bed, drink some hot chocolate, and read a book that does not require you to think but just have fun. Author **Jane Hitchcock** writes about a grand dame and patroness of the arts who befriends a young countess who goes on to steal her husband. The grand dame is knocked off her pedestal while the countess takes her place in society. (How very Manila?) But she schemes to recapture her fortune, throne and man. How does she accomplish this? By copying her 18th-century heroine, **Marie Antoinette**, and planning a murder (sounds familiar?). The book is a page-turner about manners, revenge and Manhattan society.

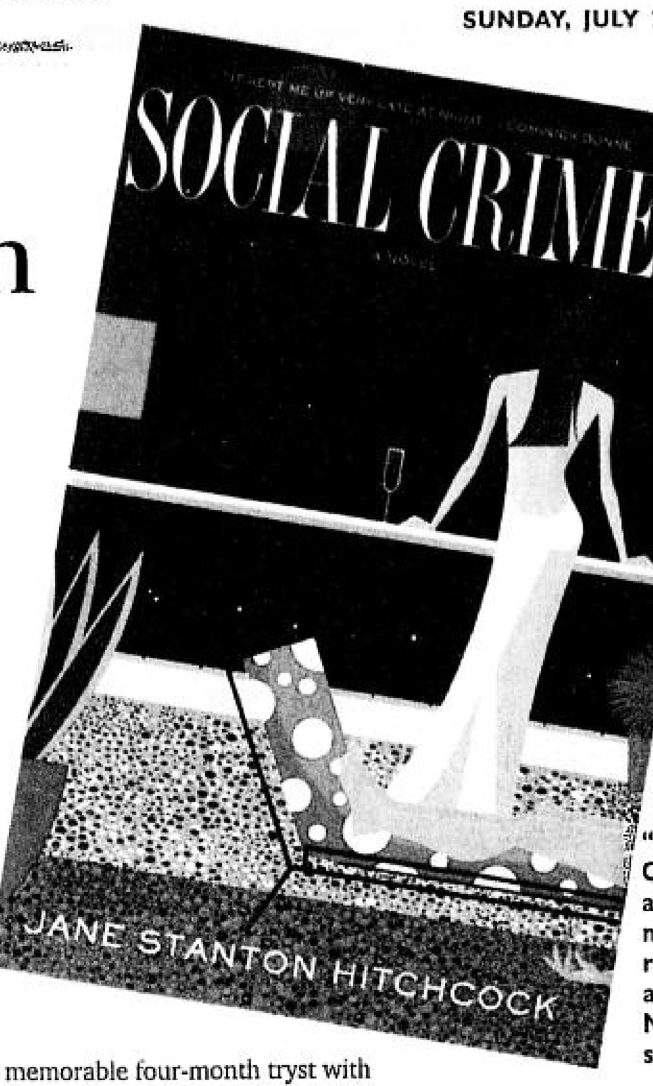
**More on Rex Navarette!** Nope, he's not the boxer, but rather a Fil-Am comedian based in the US. Last week, I wrote about "Maritess and the Superfriends," and the website should have read www.fractalcow.com. A lot of readers noticed the mistake and corrected me—thanks! Likewise, check out another Navarette comic strip at www.newgrounds.com—look for SBC portals. Rex Navarette will actually be in Manila this August and will be performing at Sanctum for two nights (I heard they're already sold out). Try to wrangle an invite to any of his events which, I am sure, will be worth it!

**French fries = cancer?** Checking the MSN website, I came across this piece in ediet. As a sworn lover of french fries, I was hooked. According to certain health agencies like Sweden's National Food Administration and the US-based Center for Science in the Public Interest, fries, along with potato chips, breads and cereals coated in sugar, contain an ingredient called "acrylamide" which, in laboratory tests, has been found to cause cancer in rats. (Side note: With all the rat experiments, these scientists should have extinguished the rat population by now.) But the risk of cancer in humans is still unclear since there have been no human experiments (volunteers anyone?). So what do the experts say? Avoid high-fat and sugar rich foods! I think there is a big conspiracy out there by all those scientists. Think about it—something like fries cancerous? Is nothing sacred anymore? What's next? Ice cream...or worse, *sinigang*?

**Senator's shining moment.** Sen. Robert Jaworski's move to the administration should be hailed as one of the greatest moments in this man's life. The Filipino people are used to *balimbing*, but this one must be regarded as a turn for the best. He may be the current target of the opposition, but TNT would like him to know that we are behind him, 100 percent. We just hope that this will be a permanent one, a matter of conviction and principle. Senator, what you have done is so much better that any lay-up, dunk, assist or three-point shot you've executed on the basketball court!

**Diana Krall in concert.** I caught the Diana Krall concert at the Edsa Shangri-La. Although it was a great concert and everyone would do anything to help out **Gina Lopez** raise funds for the La Mesa watershed conservation project (she is an awesome woman!), I am not a jazz fan. A lot of people enjoyed it and were clearly mesmerized by Ms Krall's honey and cool voice, but after a heavy meal I was about to catch some zzzs. There were only three songs that I knew: "The Look of Love," "Fly Me to the Moon" and one that I already forgot. I SMS (cooler word than "texting") **Tessa Valdes**, who was also there that night, to ask her if she was enjoying herself and she SMS back, saying, "Shhh, I am trying to sleep!" Not that I am complaining especially to the hosts of my table, but I realized that it was not my type of music—it was one of those "you say tomato, I say tomâto" types...very subjective.

**May-December affair.** Caught up with one of my friends who is now living in the US, and she told me about her wild but memorable four-month tryst with a younger man (she was 38 and he was 21). I teased her, "I did not know you were into 'barely legal' types." She laughed and said, "I did not know either, but the sex was too good to be true! And have you ever felt a 20-year-old skin? It's taut, while mine is going everywhere else but near my body." I then asked her why they separated. "Oh well, I knew it wouldn't work after all that acrobatics wears off, you start looking for the need to communicate. It's downhill from there." First, music—"I really can't stand **Eminem** and those hip-hop types like **Ja Rule** and **Ashanti**, and hearing them being played at 8 a.m. just turned me batty! I like my music soothing, a bit of opera, some Ibiza music. And conversation? Well, it concentrated on topics about school, movies, music, and why he does not think he will live past 30. It also did not do well for my ego—there were enough times when waiters would ask me what my son wanted to order. (He was blessed with one of those baby faces that even if he was 21, he looked 16). In the end, I think I could not handle that. I felt like a D.O.W. (dirty old woman). I guess at the end of the day, I wanted a man who knew how to order wine and not think Pepsi with lemon is the coolest thing; have heroes like Jack Welch, not the 'Scorpion King's' The Rock; whose fashion statement is an expensive watch and not baggy jeans, loose shirt and upturned cap; and lastly who will pay for my meal and not the other way around."



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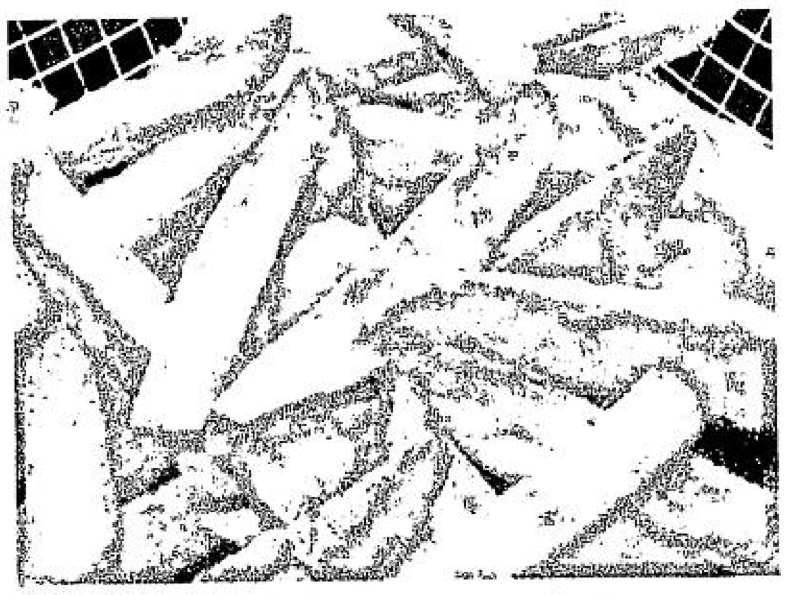

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# MJCI launches race track and club on its 135th anniversary

MANILA Jockey Club (MJCI), the first horse racing club established in Asia, recently marked its 135th founding anniversary with the launching of a new world-class race track and turf club in Carmona, Cavite, and the redevelopment of its existing 16-hectare property in Sta. Cruz, Manila.

MJCI president Alfonso Reyno Jr. presented the plans of the club to the horse racing community, representatives of government and leading business figures. To be known as the San Lazaro Leisure Park, designed by renowned architects Recio and Casas, the new facility will be developed as an integrated horse racing complex that blends world-class sports and entertainment facilities with an upscale residential subdivision. The park is only 36 km south of Manila and is easily accessible by using either the Carmona or Southwood exits.

The affair's guest of honor was Senate President Franklin Drilon. Senators Angara and Villar, Gov. Ayong Malixi and Rep. Gilbert Remulla of Cavite also attended the event. Among the businessmen at the launch were Edgardo Puyat-Reyes of Bell Telecom, Rico Tantoco of Sta. Elena Properties, Joey Antonio of Century Properties, Antonio Garcia of Philweb, Toti Carino of Fil-Estate Land and Putch Puyat, president of the Marho horse racing association.

The young set were represented by MJCI vice chair King Reyno with wife Vicky Morales-Reyno, MJCI directors Patrick and Chris Reyno, Wendy Puyat, Celine Lopez, Marco Antonio, Joel, Gippy and Robbie Tantoco, Joey Carpo, Victor Consunji, Francisco Delgado, Jonjon Rufino, Miguel Villanueva, Trisha Rodriguez and Lindy Castillo.

Hosting the launch were INQUIRER columnist Tim Yap, equestrienne Toni Leviste and Tessa Prieto-Valdes, whose family has had a very long association with the club as one of its founding members in 1867.

Informative videos were presented at the launch detailing the illustrious history of the club and the recognition of the invaluable contribution of past presidents of the club, and the charitable works MJCI has been supporting through the years.

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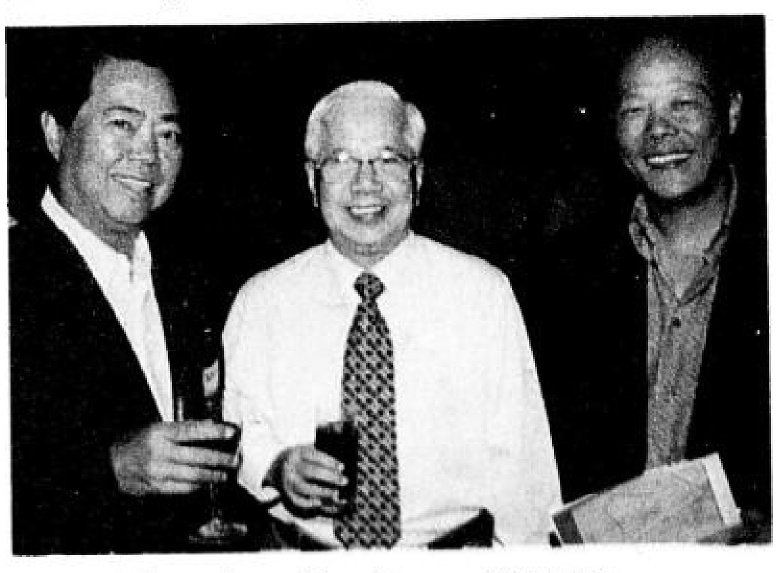

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# Romancing the stones

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*Contributor*
**Photos by Alex Rey V. Pal**
*PDI Visayas Bureau*

I CAME, I crawled, I conquered.

Also tore apart a good pair of rubber shoes in the process, caked myself from foot to neck in mud, sweated until my pores ran dry—and acquired a newfound respect for what one's body can do under the most physically-trying situations.

The invitation to experience cave exploration came from the local government of Mabinay, an upland municipality situated 87 km north of Dumaguete City, right near the provincial boundary of Negros Oriental and Occidental. Mabinay claims to have 45 caves explored, 60 percent of them containing subterranean rivers.

The technical briefs described caves as "naturally hollow areas in the earth that are large enough for a person to enter." Some caves consist of a single chamber only few yards or meters deep. Others are vast networks of passage and chambers.

The 15-km long St. Paul Cave, which is found in Bahili, Palawan, is the longest cave ever explored and recorded in the Philippines. Next longest is the Odloman cave system, which has a length of 8 km and 870 m.

### Masterpieces

Beyond the statistics, however, caves are masterpieces of nature that intricately reveal how time and the elements can forge beauty out of hard rock, soil and open air. It's amazing how movements of the earth over centuries can create a hallway big enough to build a fastfood franchise in, coupled with a natural window that can rival the transparent fragility of a skyscraper's glass wall. Down there, underneath tons of rock, there is a sense of eternity and age that is quite hard to shake.

That what's makes the crawling worth it.

Our band of reporters, a group of amateurs, naturally had to start from what were called the beginners' caves. Cave Panligawan and the Crystal Caves stretched only from 100-150 m and required only 10-15 minutes to walk. (Or so we were told.)

Prior to descent, we were given a list of do's and don't's, which any would-be spelunker (or amateur cave explorer) must follow if he is to last inside:

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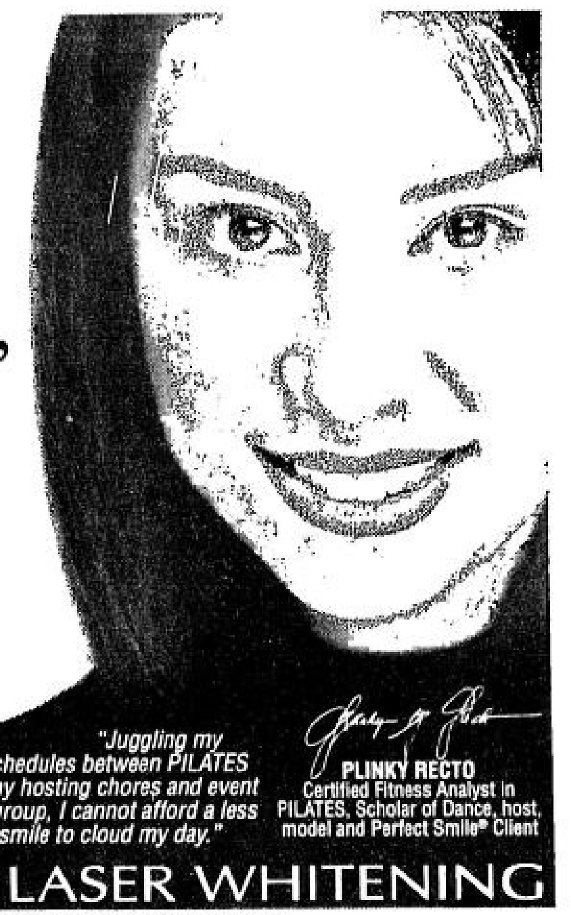

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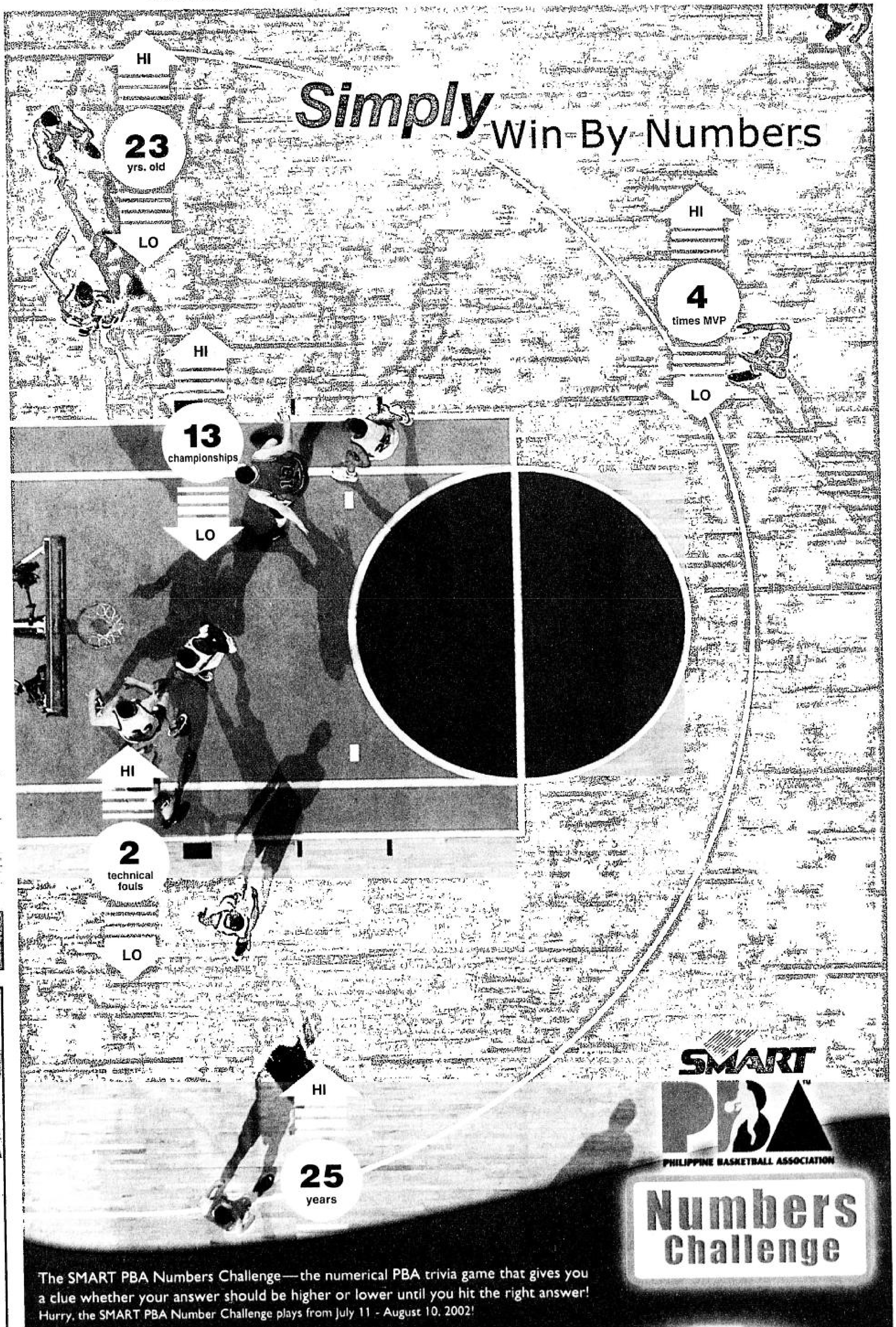

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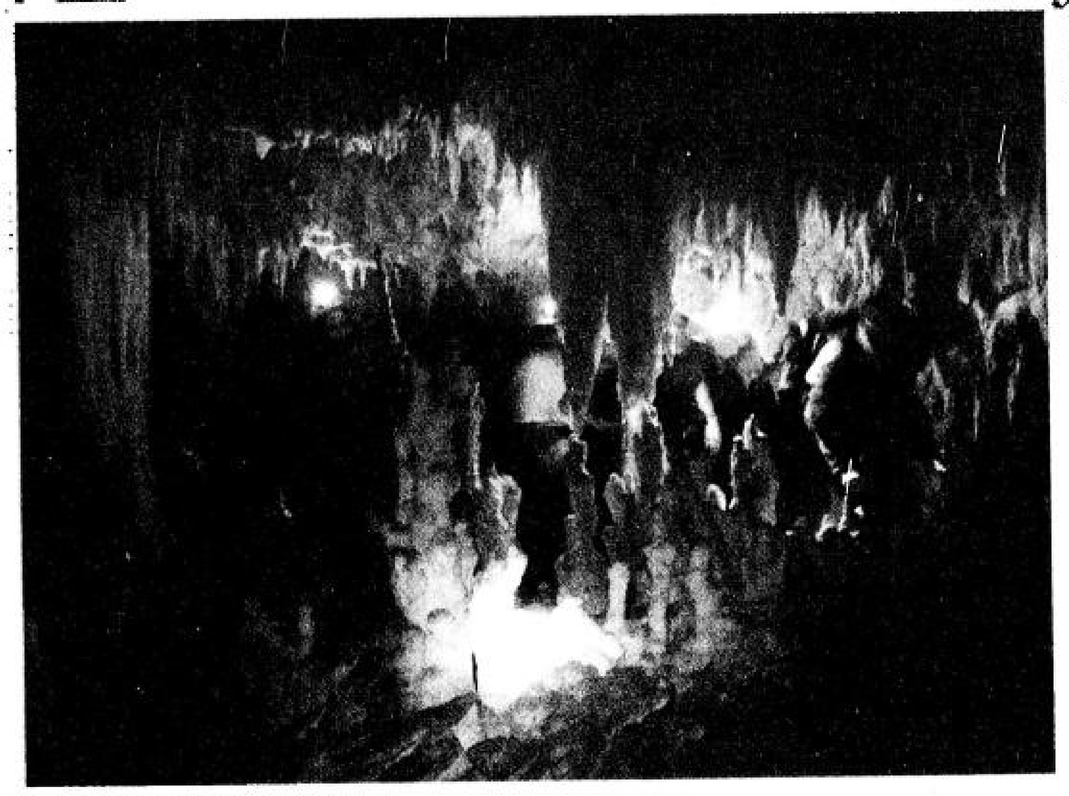

EXPLORING the Crystal Caves

# Romancing the stones

ENTERING the Panligawan cave

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**Bring lights.** These will dispel the darkness in the caves and light your path. Candles, matches and disposable lighters are useful, but may prove inconvenient. Flashlights are manageable. The best sources of lights, though, are the headlights issued by the guides. The bulbs in these helmets free your hands to cling, scramble and climb. But remove them immediately upon ascent, since the gas in these bulbs cause headaches.

**Hardhats are important.** Inevitably, you will bump into a wall or a rock, and it will hurt. The hardhats afford protection. In case of long hair, tie it up. It's hot downstairs, and any loose strands covering your eyes will, well, block your vision.

**Clothing.** Shorts are not advisable since any stumbling and falling down can scrape your knees and legs. Suggested: old but sturdy pants, comfortable shirts, small towel to wipe the constantly flowing sweat, cheap gloves—without them, your fingers will get dirty and possibly scarred. Gloves also protect the formation of columns, stalagmites and stalactites from any contamination of human sweat or other substance deemed harmful to their preservation. Make sure the clothes you wear are the ones you can afford to throw away.

**Footwear.** While the briefs say sneakers are acceptable, I say it's inadvisable. Mine got torn. No sandals—like your fingers, your open feet and legs will get dirty, bump into hard objects, and even get scars. Hiking, climbing, and combat boots are the best.

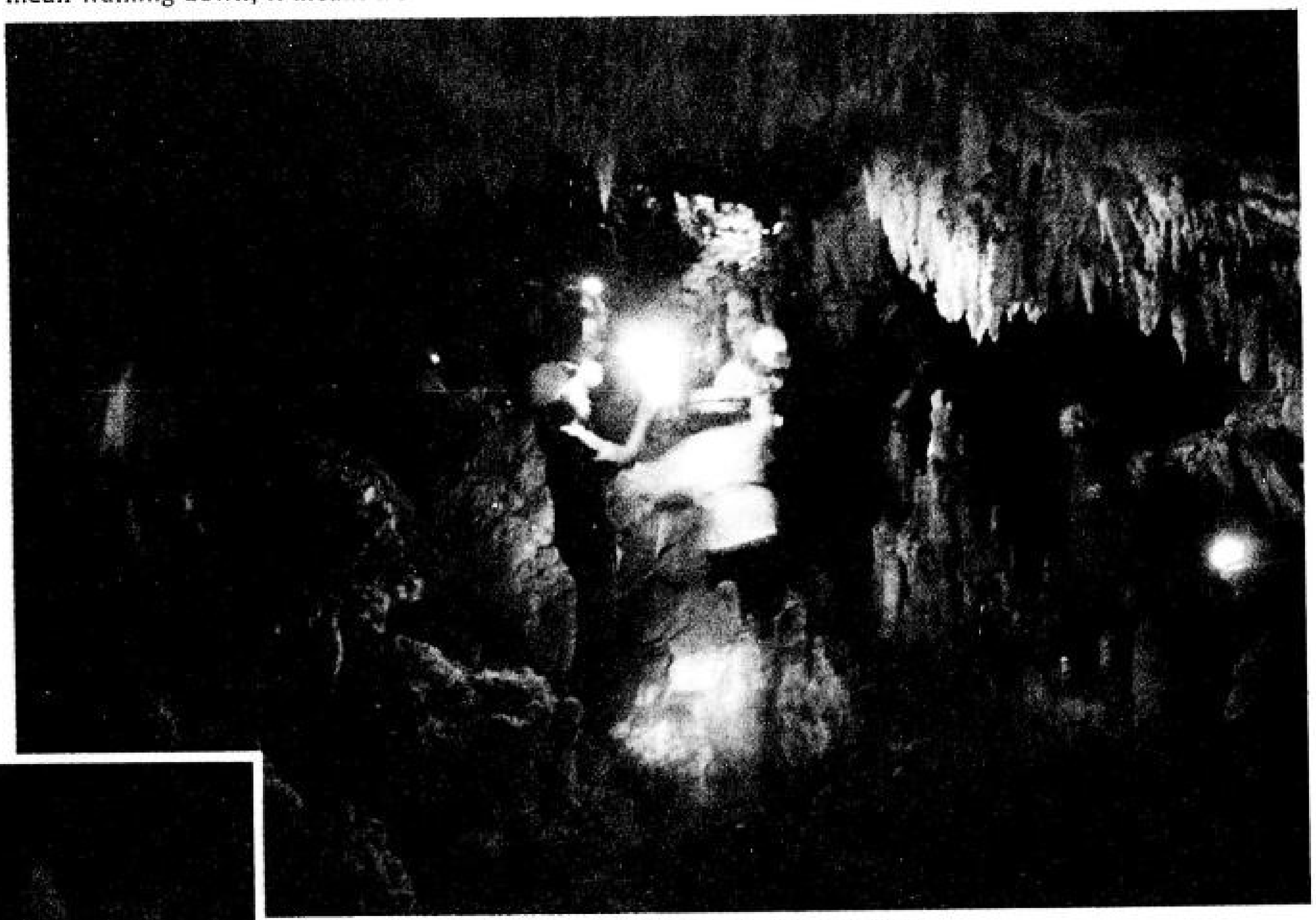
**Other items.** The briefs suggest plastic garbage bag, bottled water, food, soap and shampoo, and backpack. I'd only retain the bottled water to quench the thirst. Save the soap and shampoo for a hotel bath. Bring as little stuff with you as possible.

**What about cameras?** "Strictly at your own risk," says the briefs. Besides, not all cameras can penetrate the thick darkness in the caves.

### Easier

Cave Panligawan was the easier of the two. After a 10-minute walk from the main road where our van was parked, through a trail of grass and bushes, we reached the opening. Rocks, boulders and pebbles littered the soft soil. Going down meant stepping on one firm rock after another. Accidental stepping on slippery soil could mean stumbling or, worse, falling. Descent means employing keen powers of observation—you'd have to determine which rock to step on and which soft ground to avoid.

Panligawan had a very high upper ground or "roof," which meant that there were very few chances of bumping your head on the cavern walls. But going down didn't necessarily mean walking down; it meant a sideward step-by-step glide. You faced the cavern walls —and not the pathway—as you went down. That meant alternately glancing at those walls and looking down as you navigated your feet through rock and soil. The whole scenario looked like a very complicated, advanced version of that favorite kid street game "piko."



CROSSING over these rocks can test your endurance.

A NATURAL dome lights the cave area.

On ground level, Panligawan was simply beautiful. Somehow, nature formed a mini-monument of boulders and rock formation at the center. It could easily have looked like a statue at the center of a mall. The cave floor stretched for about 150 m. While columns of stalactites and stalagmites peered from the ceiling, a very large space at the side could easily have accommodated 10 families camping in a tent or doing campfire.

The last touch was the circular "roof." A large hole bore through the upper wall, permitting a glimpse of blue sky and greenery and a breath of fresh air. It illuminated the cave, giving it an inviting warmth and glow.

### Tougher

The Crystal Caves were much tougher. Our guides had warned us that these caves were still undeveloped. Not much space had been cleared for pathways. But not all their warnings prepared us for what lay ahead.

First, Crystal was very narrow. Second, given the very steep darkness, the headlights became your only source for brightness. Third, there was very little soil to step on. Descent meant stumbling from one jagged boulder to another. These boulders were huge and long, forcing you to stretch your legs just for one step. Your limbs did likewise; sometimes, to go to one point as you stepped on a rock, your hands had to cling to the nearby ones. Literally, there were times your fingers had to dig deep if you were to hang on for dear life.

Sprains, bruises and scars were not uncommon. The rocks were the pathways that you clambered over. Since they were in close proximity to each other, you had a hard time avoiding hitting the ones around you. Some of the formations were pointed and rough. Worse, they could be slippery as well. Some of the rocks looked deceptively firm until you step on them—and then your feet broke through.

That was how I lost my sneakers. Both feet shot through hidden holes so narrow I couldn't wiggle out. At one point, I thought that I might have to junk the shoes—and proceed barefoot (ouch!)— to get out of the caves alive. Fortunately, a couple of strong guides came to my rescue and pulled me out.

Confronting the cave challenge unleashes a wellspring of courage you never thought you had within you

That was another thing. Always rely on your guides. Follow their instructions to the letter. They literally held our hands to walk us through. Sometimes, in the clamber for the nearest perch, some of us lost our balance and risked falling down; their strong grip kept us standing up.

### No fear

While Panligawan was a stroll through the park in comparison to the Crystal Caves, ironically, I felt no fear negotiating the latter despite the sweat, tired limbs, bruised legs and suffocating darkness. The truth was we didn't have time to feel afraid! Fear could freeze you into immobility. The Crystal Caves didn't allow us that luxury; there was very little time to rest as we maneuvered from one jagged edge to the next. The adrenalin kept me moving, as every inch of my body urged me to keep on going. One ill-timed moment of rest, and the fear could creep into your awareness, and you just might lose it.

It took us another half-hour to crawl out. By that time, storm clouds were brewing. We safely made it out as the downpour made the rocky pathways even more slippery. Back in the van, we were again reminded of the age-old rule in caving, "Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints, and kill nothing but time."

I'm not so sure about that. I can still remember the kilometers of rough, painful boulders we walked on, the holes and small crevices we could have fallen into, the dark enclosure that hemmed us in. Or the excitement that poured through my veins, pushing my fear away. Or that one moment when, resting on loose rock, I almost slid down and faced my mortality.

Call it heightened awareness of life that springs from facing the unknown. Somehow, someway, the challenge in those depths could unleash a wellspring of courage deep inside you.

*For more information about the Mabinay caves, call (035) 922-5301 or (0918) 569-2266.*

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# *Celebrities take time out to plant trees*

MOVIE stars, basketball players, beauty queens, government officials and other celebrities will contribute their share in building the future by planting a tree through Couples for Christ's Celebrity Plant today, 1 p.m., at the Prayer Mountain, Antipolo City. Celebrity Plant is one of the components of A Time to Plant.

After A Time to Build last June, which afforded Gawad Kalinga to build more than 2,200 houses for the poorest of the poor nationwide, Couples for Christ, through its socio-political renewal ministry, St. Thomas More and Associates (STMA), launches A Time To Plant.

This will be held in more than 100 sites all over the country, including the 96 Gawad Kalinga communities nationwide. After building homes, this program aims to plant 50,000 trees with the invaluable help of strategic partners and volunteers who have the commitment and conviction to help restore the health of our environment.

But tree-planting will not be the only activity of A Time to Plant. It will also have food self-sufficiency, landscaping and waste management projects. For food self-sufficiency, every Gawad Kalinga community is required to have vegetable gardens. Other food self-sufficiency projects are quail-raising, *tilapia* farming, poultry, piggery, etc. Meanwhile, landscaping is part of the dignity restoration component of every GK area.

Concrete waste management projects will be launched in all the Gawad Kalinga communities. These include the 3Rs system of reuse, reduce, recycle; composting method; waste segregation process. There will also be activities for kids—trash can painting, creative workshops on waste management and fun games.

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# Church will have Aztec saint July 31

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AFTER ATTENDING World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto, Canada, Pope John Paul II will fly to Guadalupe, Mexico, to canonize Juan Diego on July 31.

Through the centuries, what Our Lady of Guadalupe asked Juan Diego during one of the apparitions—"Am I not your mother?"—has reverberated throughout the Christian world.

Juan Diego was a simple Aztec Indian to whom Our Lady appeared on Dec. 9, 1531 on Tepeyac Hill in Mexico. She asked him to tell the bishop to build a church on the place of the apparition. The bishop did not believe Juan Diego and asked for a sign that it was really Our Lady who asked.

Juan Diego tried to avoid going back to the hill because his uncle was sick and dying. But Our Lady appeared to him again and said: "Am I not here, who is your Mother, and is not my help a refuge? Be assured, he is already well."

Even as she spoke, Juan Diego's uncle, Juan Bernardino, was already well.

"Am I not your mother?" is a question not only for Juan Diego. Our Lady is asking us to trust in her mercy and love because, after all, she is our mother.

### The icon of Our Lady

Juan Diego went back to the bishop carrying his tilma around his neck where the Virgin arranged that morning of Dec. 12 the red Castillian roses that appeared on the hill in the dead of winter. When Juan Diego let the roses fall on the floor, the bishop went down on his knees not because of the miracle of the flowers but because imprinted on the tilma was the portrait of Our Lady.

A small shrine was built at the time, which has since become a grandiose basilica visited by thousands of pilgrims every year. The Catholic Church proclaimed this appearance of the virgin as Our Lady of Guadalupe, who became the patroness of the Americas. In 1935, she also became the patroness of the Philippines.

A small chapel in Fort Santiago (Baluarte de San Francisco Javier) was built through the help of Msgr. Josefino Ramirez, San Agustin Church and Dr. Raul Fores, a devotee of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Dr. Fores' devotion is the reason there is a huge icon of the Virgin at the lobby of the Makati Medical Center.

When Danny Trinidad Reyes was in Mexico with family and friends, he felt a tightness in the chest and pain in his heart. He could hardly breathe. That morning when they visited the Basilica, Danny immediately went to the statue of Juan Diego standing tall near the altar and touched the image. After a while, the pain disappeared.

### Lay Monastic Community

The charism of the Lay Monastic Community of Caryana in Magalang, Pampanga is the propagation of the devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The community has a big chapel where members pray and hold liturgical services.

Philippine churches dedicated to Our Lady of Gudalupe will hold special Masses on July 31 to honor Juan Diego, the new saint. In Metro Manila, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Church is on Edsá corner Juan Bernardino Street, Makati.

### St. Joseph Church

The Parokya ni San Jose in barrio Belance, Dupax del Norte, Nueva Vizcaya, is a poor man's church. It is located in a mountainous area, which is three hours away from the capital town, Bayombong. Parishioners, mostly farmers, walk for an hour to go to church on Sundays. The new parish priest, Fr. Ferdinand Lopez, will be installed on Aug. 3 by Bishop Ramon Villena.

I learned about the church when the former parish priest, Fr. Edmund Beronio, wrote to ask me for the donation of a life-size image of St. Joseph. The one venerated in the church then was a gigantic carving normally found in tourist shops.

Vic Llames had an image made by Quico Vecin. After reading about the priest's request, Pol Capistrano and Rey Rances took a Victory Liner bus to Bayombong to deliver the statue to Fr. Beronio, who is now the chancellor of the diocese and secretary of the bishop.

The image was brought to Belance the following day. Pol was moved when he saw the poor church. It seems that the parish only gets P600 a month in alms, not enough to maintain the church.

There is a plan to build a new church to replace the old one, which is rundown and looks like a warehouse. Those who wish to help can write to Fr. Ferdinand Lopez c/o Parokya ni San Jose, Belance, Dupax del Norte, Nueva Vizcaya, or c/o The Clergy House, Maharlika Highway, Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya (if you wish to send something by JRS).

Thanks to Corinne Manzano-Ligot, who gave us the telephone number of Father Beronio, Ditas Lobregat and Mr. Llames.

### More images needed

The Parish of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, in Aritao, Nueva Vizcaya, needs a smaller statue of St. Joseph to be used during processions. Fr. Mario Flores is the parish priest. Those who wish to help can beep me at 141-020543.

The St. Joseph image in the Monastery of the Poor Clares in Aritao, which is made of *escayola*, is broken. The Poor Clares are asking for a donation of a new one. Thank you, readers, for your kindness.

### Friends of St. Joseph

The Friends of St. Joseph Foundation are asking members to attend the Holy Mass and general assembly at 3 p.m. Aug. 3, at the Violago Chapel on E. Rodriguez Avenue, QC.

### Brothers of Charity

The Congregation of the Brothers of Charity was founded in Belgium in 1807 to take care of the physically handicapped, the mentally retarded, the hearing impaired and the mentally ill.

In Pandacan, we have the Special School for Children and Adults with mental retardation and autism. Fra Joel Ponsaran, FC, the regional superior, writes that the school is only 14 years old but already badly damaged by termites.

Fra Ponsaran writes: "Replacement of damaged parts and chemical treatment of the whole building will enable us to continue our loving service to our dear special children who do not usually get equal opportunities in our society."

Those who wish to help can write The Brothers of Charity at 2002 Jesus St., Pandacan, Manila, or call Fra Joel at 564-0197 or fax 338-5499.

### Santiago de Compostela

The feast of St. James the Apostle was marked on July 25. He is the patron saint of the people of Dapitan, Zamboanga del Norte, who believe he warded off the attack of Moros in Spanish times.

Spain has named a town after St. James. It is called Santiago de Compostela because the hermit Pelayo found the saint's body under the light of a big star after a long search. Pilgrims go to the Basilica of Santiago de Compostela from different parts of the world. Actress Shirley Maclaine traveled on foot from the Pyrenees to the town in 1994. World's Wonders organized a trip to this town in July 1997. I was lucky to have been part of the group. Our tour guide said: "You did not choose to come here. You were called to come."

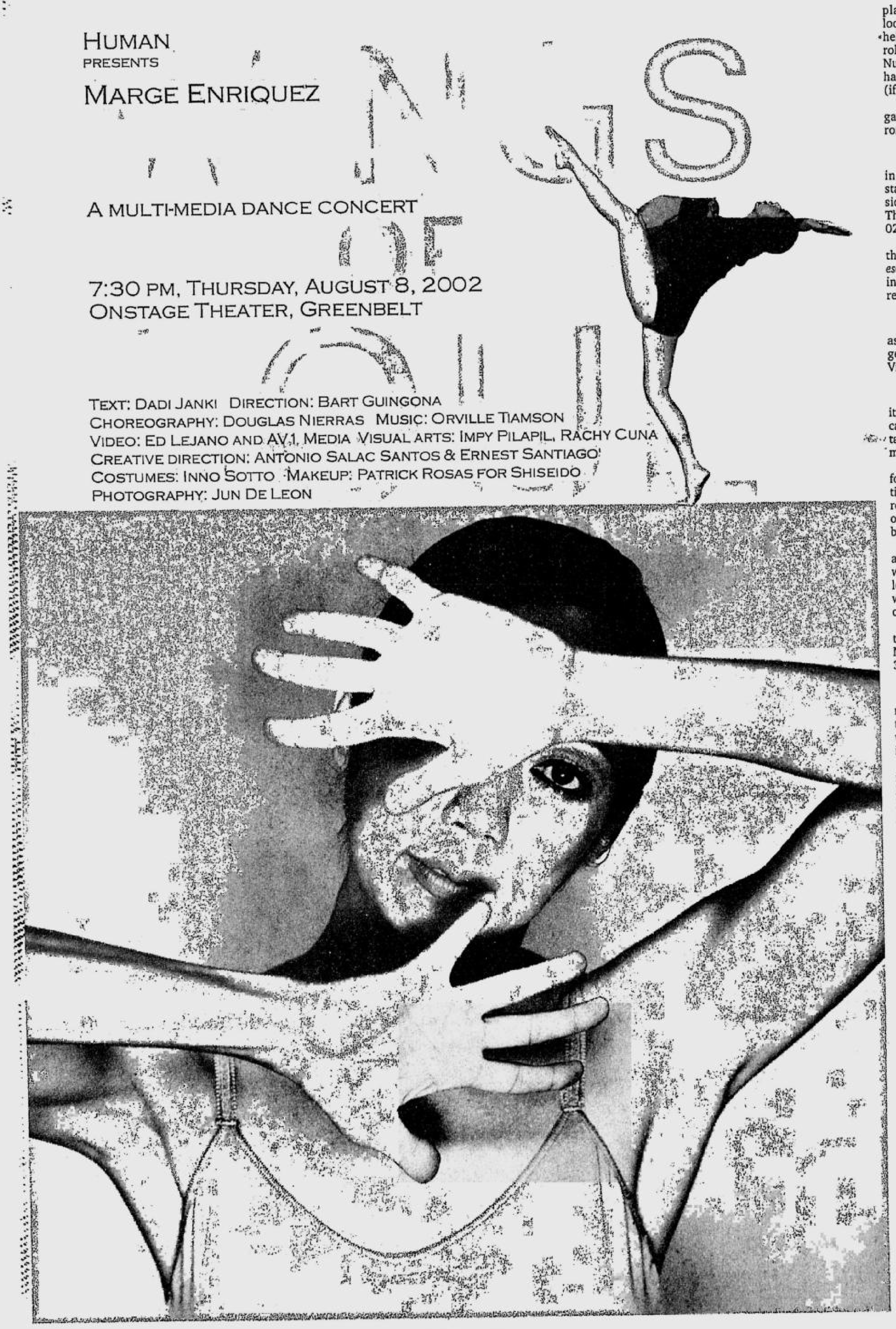
### Feast of St. Martha

The feast of St. Martha, patron of the household, will be marked tomorrow. A procession in her honor will be held after the afternoon Mass in the town of Pateros. The miraculous image of Sta. Marta is enshrined in the Church of San Roque.

The chapel in Harrison Plaza is named after St. Martha. A Triduum of Masses held at 5:30 p.m. ends today. Fiesta Mass is at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow. Fr. Joseph Sou, the Indonesian chaplain of the Medical Center Manila, will say the Mass.

### New parish priest

Fr. Roy Rosales is the new parish priest of the Shrine of St. Anne in Taguig, Metro Manila. He was installed on July 26, the saint's feast.



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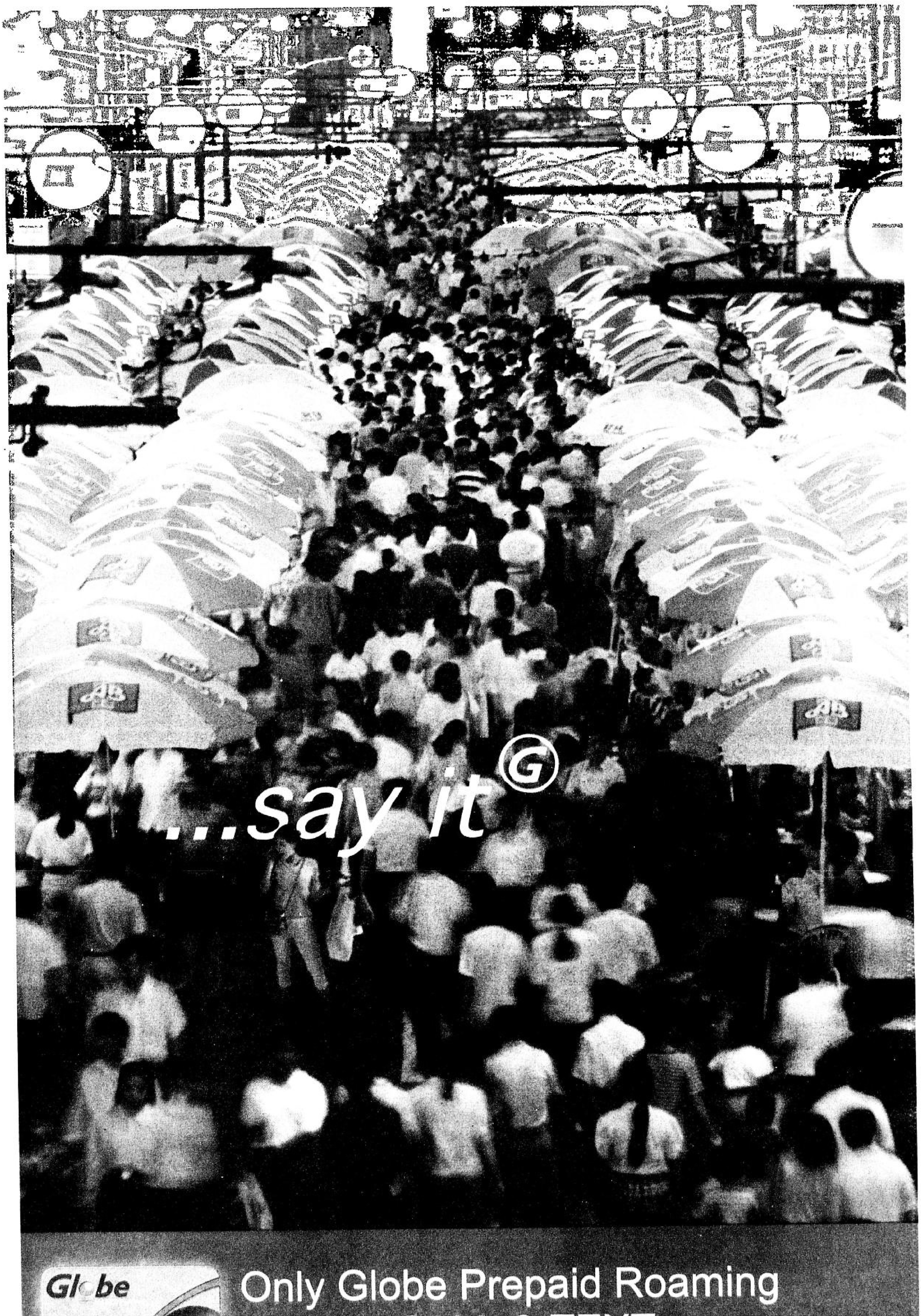

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# Auckland ON OUR OWN

Text and photos
by Angelina G. Goloy

WITH all due respect to tourism agencies, sometimes an unguided tour can be just as informative as one conducted by a tour guide, perhaps even more exciting.

On a recent visit to Auckland, New Zealand, a communication snafu left my daughter and me exploring the city on our own—and enjoying every minute of it, wobbly legs, wind-chilled faces and all.

It was just as well. As we found out later, the Auckland region—composed of four cities, one bearing the same name—is an adventure destination. Its landscape (numerous islands, volcanic cones, two mountain ranges) lends well to mountain biking and hiking in thick forests, exploring canyons and abseiling, which is something like rappelling, plus every imaginable water sport.

We didn't get to do any of these, but not for lack of a sense of adventure. Auckland was the second leg of my three-city prize trip (as a journalism awardee of the Australian-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce Inc.), squeezed in between Gold Coast and Melbourne in Australia. With only one full day in Auckland, we thought it best to make the most of our time within city limits.

Fortunately, Tourism Auckland had a press kit waiting for me at the Hyatt's front desk when we arrived on a Wednesday evening. It contained, besides brochures and fact sheets, a booklet (entirely in eye-popping red) on the city's attractions and a media pass, which also entitles the bearer's companion to free entrance or discounted fees.

The visitors' information video on the hotel's in-house TV channel helped in short-listing the stops we had ticked off on the booklet.

That same evening we embarked on our own adventure, heading straight to the top: the 328-meter high Sky Tower, the tallest building in the Southern Hemisphere. From the hotel's picture window, I had noticed the sleek futuristic structure, gleaming against the night sky, obviously Auckland's answer to Sydney's AMP Tower and Toronto's CN Tower, the world's tallest free-standing structure in 1993 when I scaled it.

The Sky Tower was a short walk from the hotel. It was a chilly night, hail having sent the temperature dropping to 6 degrees Celsius just before our plane landed in the late afternoon. (Although a rainbow quickly compensated for the cold airport reception, steady rain accompanied us through the hour-long ride to the hotel.)

QUEEN Victoria Park in the full regalia of fall; a wannabe astronomer's fantasy at the Stardome Observatory (below)

On the way to the Sky Tower, we passed a curious-looking contraption, like a Ferris wheel seat, held down to a platform on each side by cables as thick as one's legs. Passersby are welcome to have themselves strapped to the seat and thrown up and down several meters into the air, just for kicks and, I suppose, some stress release (the ride is not called City Screamer for nothing). Cheap thrill? Not at NZ$35, or nearly P900. I screamed, all right, even with my feet firmly on the ground!

Turned out it was typical Auckland amusement, and as thrills go in these parts, it *was* cheap. Over at the Sky Tower, apart from the 360-degree bird's-eye view of the city and fine dining up in the air, more options are available for daredevil types.

You can climb a 38-meter ladder inside the tower's mast for two hours and emerge on a viewing platform 300 meters above sea level, in the open air! The Vertigo Climb costs NZ$95 for adults, with special rates for children under 14 years and families of up to six.

Or you can jump from the 192-meter-high observation deck all the way to the ground at 60 kilometers per hour, for NZ$195. The Sky Jump is a 20-second "cable-controlled descent" that is not to be confused, the tourist brochure points out, with bungee jumping, which also originated in New Zealand.

Us? Our most daring moves were standing on the glass floor panels of the main observation deck at 186 meters and looking down on the miniaturized city beneath our feet, then going up to the Sky Deck at 220 meters in the safety of an elevator. (Well, we did indulge in a little cheap thrill. We had our picture taken and superimposed on one of the tower's outer beams so that it looked as though we were perched on it.)

The next morning we were off at 8:30 (unaware that we were supposed to be collected by Tourism Auckland staff and taken on a guided tour). If it felt like winter the night before, in the daytime there was no mistaking the season. The foliage made sure of that, liberally sprinkling the scenery with touches of gold, copper and crimson.

On a corner opposite the Hyatt, a quaint quarry-stone building wrapped in thick vines was a precious sight, with pinkish-orange leaves forming trimmings on the wrought-iron lacework fence, conjuring the image of an elderly woman in an heirloom shawl.

A sign said it was the Royal Wood's Hotel, Auckland's oldest, established in 1842. It is now an exclusive club for men.

Intrigued by the interiors of the venerable two-story building, I would have attempted entry. But that instinct had to give way to a visit to the Auckland Zoo, a must-do for my daughter, a geologist who thinks she missed her calling as veterinarian or wildlife conservationist.

The zoo holds New Zealand's largest collection of native and exotic animals, but to this mother who's way past the park-accompanying years, the more interesting part was getting there and watching the city go about its usual business along the way.

Buses had designated stops and strictly followed their schedules. Drivers waiting for their run to start stayed inside their vehicles, usually reading. Some were women—motherly types who made their vehicles look like school buses.

Isn't New Zealand known as "the island of women?" remarked my daughter, who got it somewhere that the government had an unusually big number of women officials, led by the prime minister. The "strong women" image is further reinforced by the TV series "Xena: Warrior Princess," which stars a New Zealander and is shot in Auckland.

Whatever the explanation, it certainly takes a self-assured woman to walk down the sidewalk barefoot, her high-heeled sling-backs dangling by their straps from the fingers of her right hand. Well, why not? Better than risking spraining an ankle.

And because the distance between two points is a straight line, practical pedestrians prefer to quite literally cut corners, crossing major intersections diagonally to get to the other side faster, forming a huge X.

Auckland's soul, however, is in the sea, with cruises and ferry rides among its top tourist activities. It is, after all, the "city of sails," reputed to have the largest boat ownership per capita in the world.

It is also the "home of the America's Cup," the world's oldest yachting regatta, of which New Zealand is the current champion. Visitors have a chance to experience the thrill of sailing on a competition yacht, the NZL40, originally built for the 1995 race in San Diego.

However, I had my sights set on the short ferry ride from downtown Auckland to the seaside village of Devonport, or the 30-minute cruise to Rangitoto, an island said to have emerged from the sea after a series of volcanic explosions.

But unsure if we could hold up against the strong, icy winds out in the open, we went no farther than the downtown piers on Quay Street. As an alternative, we attempted a little harbor-hopping, sweeping past the Prince's Wharf, an early-1900s depot transformed into a swank dining-shopping center and prestigious address for luxurious waterfront living.

Finally exhausted from pushing against the sea wind, we headed straight toward Queen Victoria Park Market for some souvenir hunting and lunch. The park itself was a feast for the eyes, with the trees in the full regalia of fall.

We retreated to the hotel to give our legs a rest but were back on our feet and on the road again just before Aucklanders ended another working day. Our destination: Parnell Road, a colorful stretch of cafés, art galleries, boutiques, photographers' studios, restaurants, pubs, delis, jewelry stores and crafts, gift and clothes shops—all housed in charming old colonial cottages and given a fresh and contemporary coat, along with a new lease on life.

In a brick-paved courtyard, I even espied a beauty parlor and a fortune-teller's chambers.

In one of these shops we bought unique bookmarks with intricately engraved designs and the sign, "made in New Zealand from native rimu timber."

Nightfall found us at our last stop, the Stardome Observatory. There my daughter lived out her greatest fantasy of being an astronaut through displays, models of planets, and computer games, like the one where you get to go on an imaginary space mission.

Stargazing with the aid of telescopes was out of the question because of a steady downpour. The theater, where we watched a film, "Fire in the Sky," was the next best thing. The overhead screen was dome-shaped and the seats reclined for convenient viewing. With the lights out, it was easy to imagine ourselves lying on the grass and counting stars or floating in the firmament with celestial bodies.

Part-documentary, the film drew its title from the 1997 explosion of a meteorite that eventually dropped on a grazing field outside Auckland. The segment on the witnesses' accounts served as introduction to the interactive presentation on comets, meteors, and asteroids, one of which is believed to have crashed into our planet hundreds of millions of years ago, wiping out life on it.

What are the chances of a similar catastrophe occurring in our lifetime? As finale, the film presented a similar hypothetical problem and three possible ways to prevent it or at least minimize its effects through mathematical computations involving the mass and speed of the space rock entering the earth's atmosphere. My daughter seriously pondered the choices, but everything went over my head.

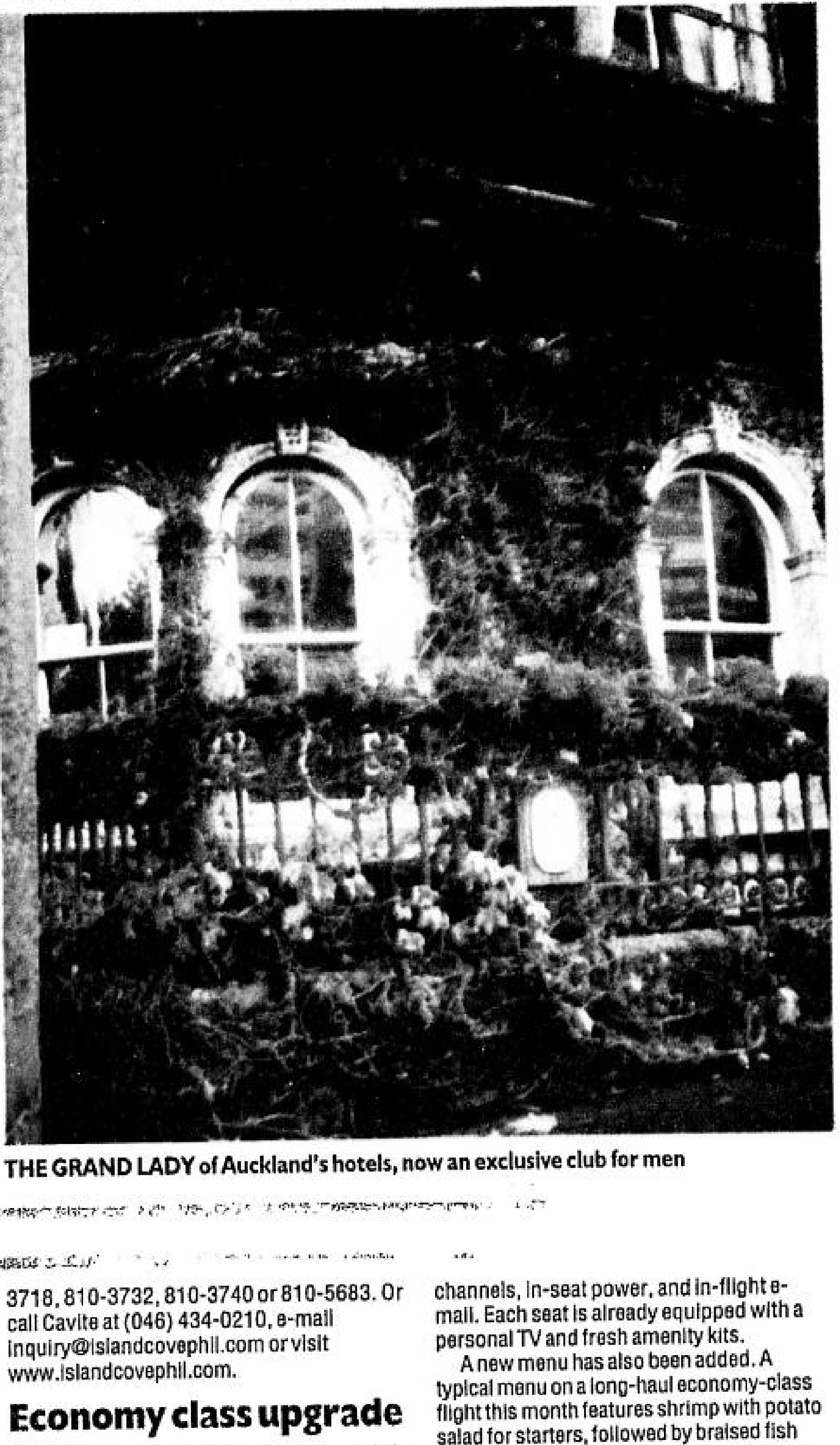
At show's end, we had exactly six hours left before checking out of the hotel and going to the airport for our early morning flight to Melbourne. But a last-minute surprise awaited us at the hotel lobby.

Vina Paredes, a former colleague with whom a phone conversation was the best reunion I could swing under the circumstances, had taken a chance and dropped in, dragging along a friend to take us for a drive to the Auckland Bridge and back.

Prepared to skip sleep so as not to miss our flight, my daughter packed while I traded updates with Vina, who's now on the staff of an IT magazine of the Fairfax group. And oh, how she gushed over her new home!

Too bad, she said, she had an itinerary all planned out for the weekend when she learned I was visiting. Then she asked where we'd been. And this Aucklander had to agree that we didn't do too badly.

VIEW from a hotel window



THE GRAND LADY of Auckland's hotels, now an exclusive club for men

## TRAVEL BRIEFS

### For the rainy days

BARCELO Asturias Hotel in Puerto Princesa City, now managed by the Barcelo Hotels and Resorts in Asia-Pacific, is offering a Rainy Day package until Sept. 30.

Guests can stay in a superior room (single or double occupancy) for P1,200 per night, inclusive of government taxes and service charge, with complimentary set breakfast and round-trip airport transfers.

The villa-type, 60-room hotel is on the South National Highway in Tiniguiban Heights. Its facilities include four dining and entertainment outlets, a convention and function hall, a business center and a sundry shop.

For reservations and inquiries, call the Manila sales office at 894-4656 or fax at 813-0564. Or make direct reservations through www.barcelo-asia.com.

### After-summer deals

ISLAND Cove Resort in Kawit, Cavite, is also offering promos until Sept. 30.

Couples can stay in a superior room for P1,200 a night (with applicable service charge) from Sundays to Thursdays, or P2,100 net on weekends. Accommodations with set breakfast for two is priced at P1,720 net on weekdays, and P2,600 net on weekends with buffet breakfast for two.

For families, there's the "Family Moments" package, available for P2,800 on weekdays and P3,500 on weekends. It includes overnight accommodation in a superior room for two adults and two kids aged 12 years and below, with provisions for one extra bed, welcome drinks, a P1,000 voucher for food and drinks at any of the resort's eight restaurants and kiosks, a complimentary round of mini golf, 50-percent discount on billiards and bowling, free 30-minute use of an Island Songs KTV room (specified times only), and free fishing pass at the Fishing Village.

For visitors for a day, there's a "Price Slide Promo" at the 2,979-square-meter, two-layer Oceania swimming pool: P50 per adult or child on Mondays to Thursdays, and P100 from Saturdays to Sundays.

For inquiries, call toll-free numbers 810-3718, 810-3732, 810-3740 or 810-5683. Or call Cavite at (046) 434-0210, e-mail inquiry@islandcovephil.com or visit www.islandcovephil.com.

### Economy class upgrade

CATHAY Pacific Airways announces that 15 of its 19 long-haul Boeing B747-400 aircraft have been fitted with new economy class features including enhanced seat cushioning and a new cabin style to complement new onboard entertainment.

The upgrade of the 66-aircraft passenger fleet is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

The new features include Studio CX in-flight entertaining with more than 20 video channels, in-seat power, and in-flight e-mail. Each seat is already equipped with a personal TV and fresh amenity kits.

A new menu has also been added. A typical menu on a long-haul economy-class flight this month features shrimp with potato salad for starters, followed by braised fish with bamboo shoots and black mushrooms with Chinese mixed vegetables, or pan-fried chicken breast with onion and shitake mushroom sauce, carrots, broccoli and potatoes, or a vegetarian dish of shell pasta with tomato, zucchini and sweet-corn sauce.

Passengers who prefer to dine outside of regular meals on long-haul flights can also help themselves to a selection of sandwiches, snacks, fruits, instant noodles and drinks at a self-service bar.

# Cousins feel their suffering is unbearable

**LIVE AND LET LIVE**

*Tita Dulce*

**DEAR Tita Dulce,**

**My cousin and I are faced with many problems. We live next door to each other, that's why we often sit down to discuss what we are facing and try to think of solutions. At times, I even want to commit suicide, but then I also end up praying at night. I know God listens to prayers, but why do we have to suffer beyond what we can stand? What shall we do?**

**GLO**

This is to answer your four-page letter detailing all the pain and trials you are undergoing. First, with regard to your complaint about unanswered prayers, as this column has pointed out several times, God answers prayers in three ways. First, He answers you right away; second, He makes you wait; and third, He gives you something better.

You were right when you said you should be consulting in Metro Manila. I suggest you go to Living Free Foundation, a non-profit counseling and activity center. It focuses on family/relationship problems, dependency, as well as co-dependency problems. (Shortcut answers to your problems, right?).

Since you hesitate to go where you will have to cope with complicated schedules, be assured that this foundation is a safe place where the whole self is nurtured and allowed to blossom, where you will heal your wounds because it is a place where damaged emotions and spirit recover. You will also find new friends there—not like your neighbors, who are critical.

I am sure other readers will be glad to know about this. The problems you stated in your letter are not really unique; hundreds suffer from them. As you know, we are over 70 million in our country.

The foundation conducts lectures, workshops with self-help groups, and sober social activities. The counselor-led workshops and lectures vary throughout the year. Fees depend upon the nature and length of the event, but they are affordable. This foundation serves Metro Manila, but many participants come from other areas. Its services are provided without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age or sexual preference.

If you are wondering why I am explaining clearly about the foundation, it is because I know someone who is now emotionally and physically happy after undergoing its lectures and workshops.

The foundation's address is: 304 Parc Regent Condo, H.V. dela Costa St., Makati. Call Meena, 896-5973/(0919) 755-3911, or Malyn, 813-3478/(0917) 244-9972.

This foundation is proof that experience is the best teacher. A few years ago, five women got to know each other while sharing their pains and experiences in regular recovery group meetings. Each one had been affected by a loved one's alcohol- or drug-related problem. They realized it was not hard to figure out what to do and where to bring their alcohol and drug dependents.

What was at first difficult was figuring out how to get help for them to recover from their pains. But then, serendipity and God's answer came. They found a 12-step fellowship and each other. They recovered and, in gratitude, the ladies decided to share their experiences, strength and hope with friends and to provide a place where others can go for help.

Their vision is to create healthy functional systems.

The Living Free Foundation is totally dedicated to transform lives through self-help concepts and services.

Good luck, Glo and Lita.

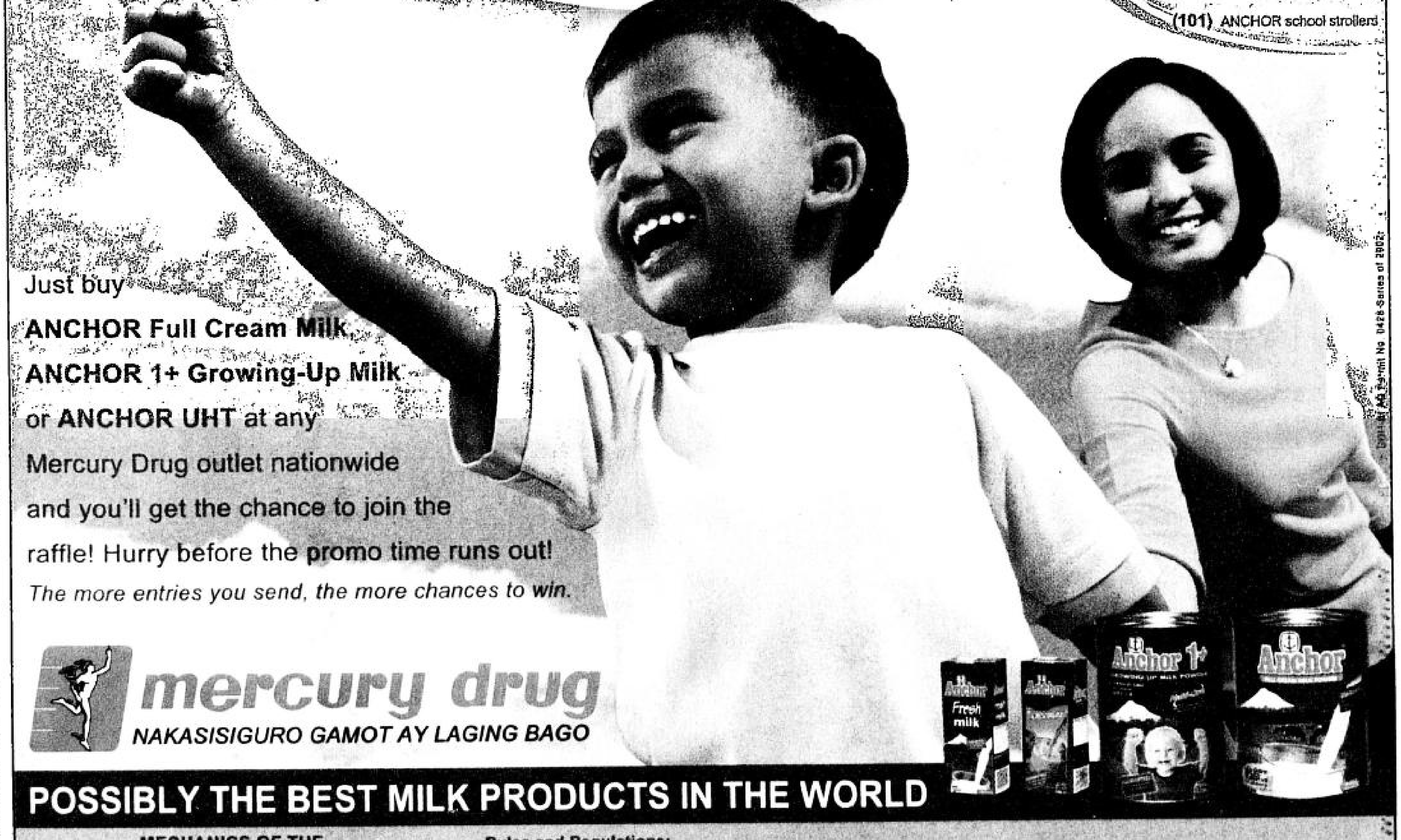
*E-mail titadulce@netscape.net or send letters to P.O. Box 2353, Makati CPO 1263 Makati City, or PDI, Chino Roces Avenue corner Yague and Mascardo Streets, Makati City.*

## Top credit sales people honored

ROBINSONS Department Store (RDS) and Robinsons Supermarket recently hosted an appreciation dinner and awarding ceremony for its top Bacolod store guarantors at the L'Fisher Hotel.

Credit sales topnotcher Elbert Lim headed the list of 19 honorees that generated outstanding credit sales for 2000 and 2001.

Robinsons officers such as Robina Gokongwei-Pe, Rhodora Dakanay, Ronnie Ong, Joseph Sian, Mark Tansiongkun, Malou Torres, Poyen Lombos, Connie Aguilar, Norman Causing, Ramil Rondez, and Gulliver Cortes congratulated the winners.



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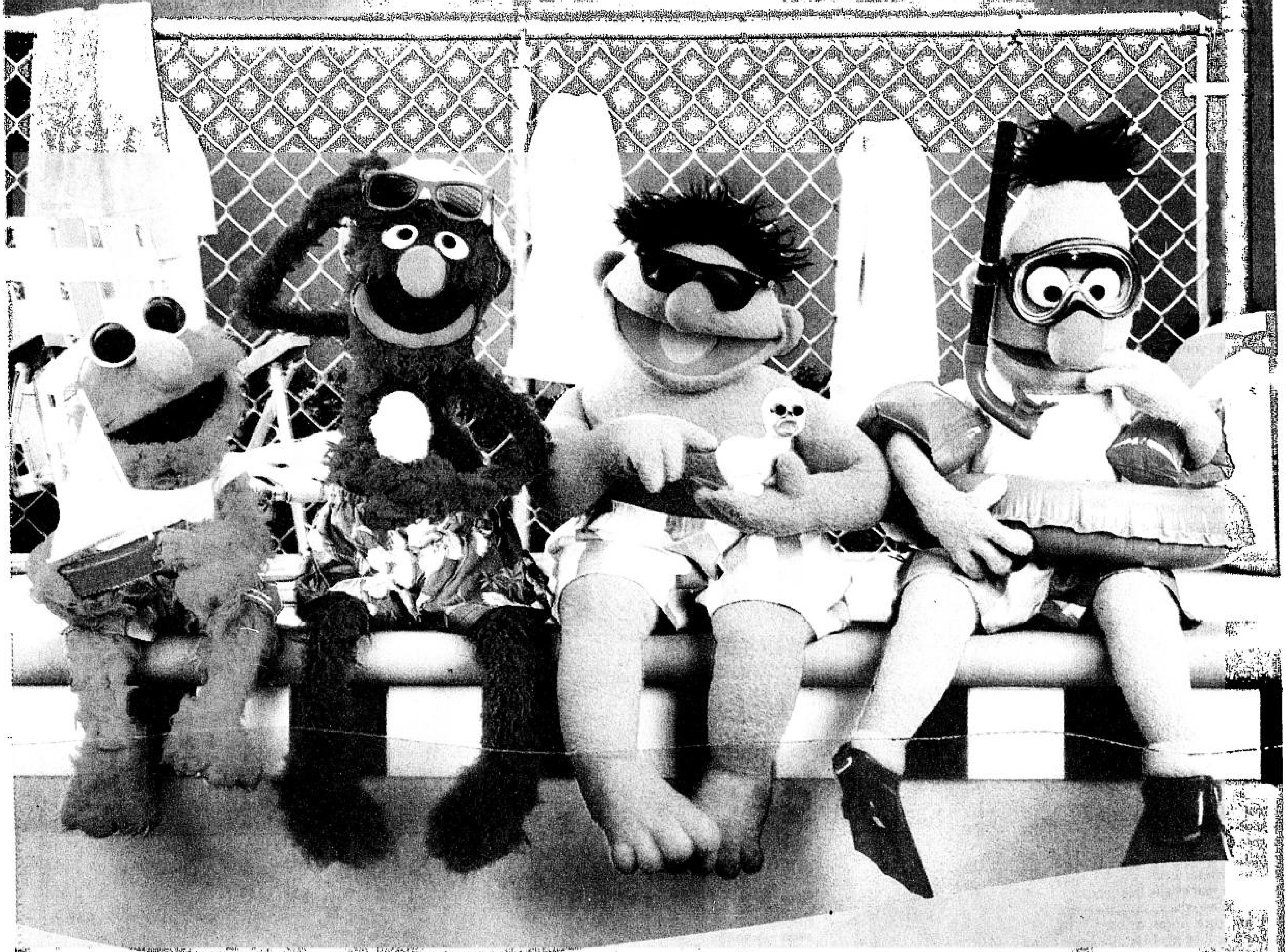

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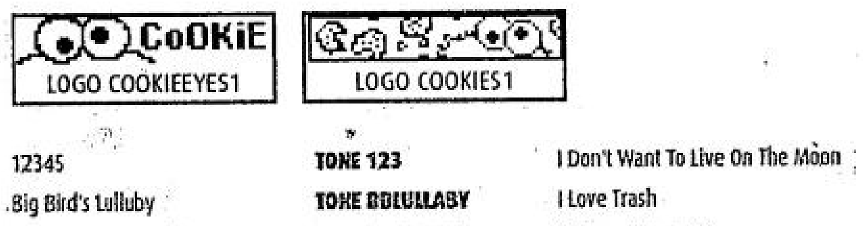

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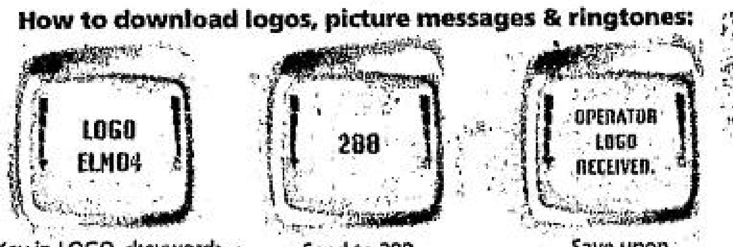

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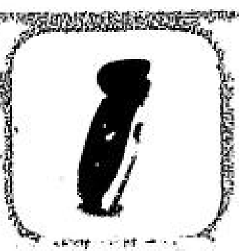

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# Dinnerware for those with a taste for the unusual

**Text by Constantino C. Tejero**
**Photos by Johnny Villena**

"FORM follows function" is a cliché in design, but still arguable. In ceramicist Hadrian Mendoza's recent works, the two are served up in equal measure.

The pottery exhibit of 41 pieces runs until

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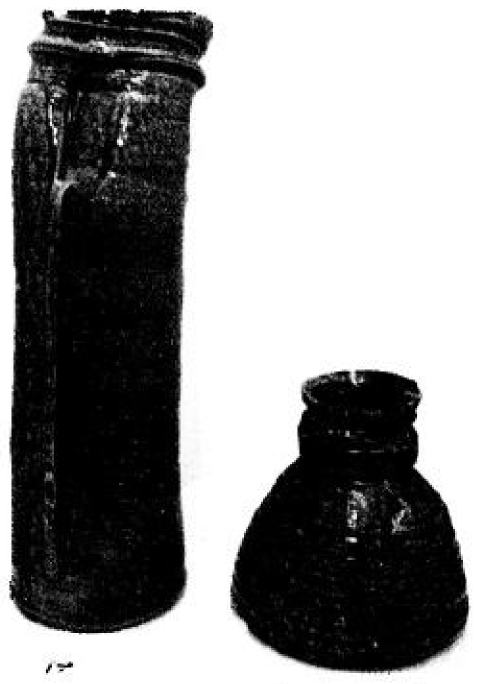

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**LOVELY** blue porcelain bowl between two shiny ones

**THE PIECES** come smooth-surfaced or highly textured, dull or shiny.

# Dinnerware for those with a taste for the unusual

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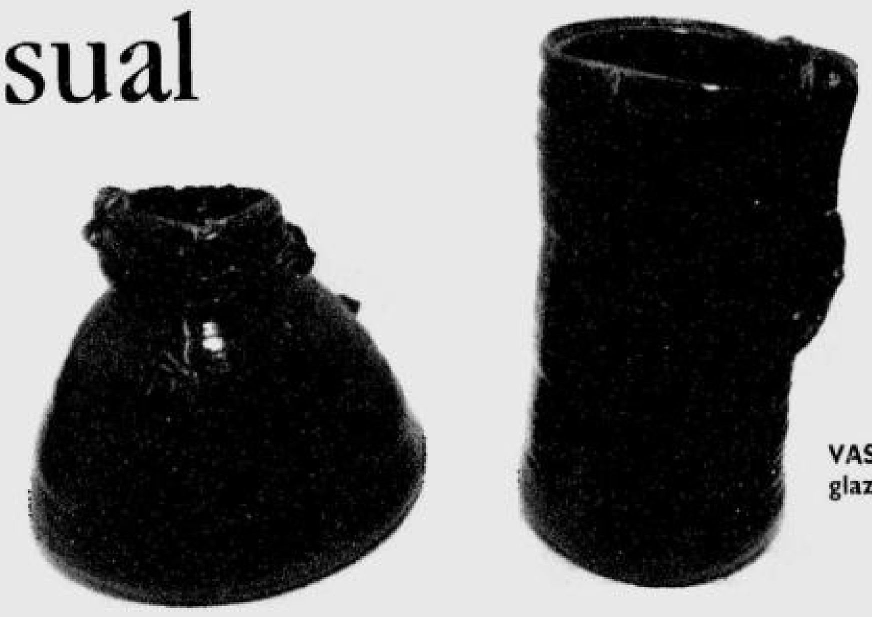
July 30 in Gallery 139 at the Artwalk, 4/L, Building A, SM Megamall. Here Mendoza is tinkering with his craft and has moved on from vases to more functional items.

These are utensils guaranteed to turn dining into an exotic experience. Coming face to face with them on the table may enhance your appreciation of the visual appeal of food, or even whet your appetite. But a contemplation of their worth and aesthetics may distract your experience of cuisine.

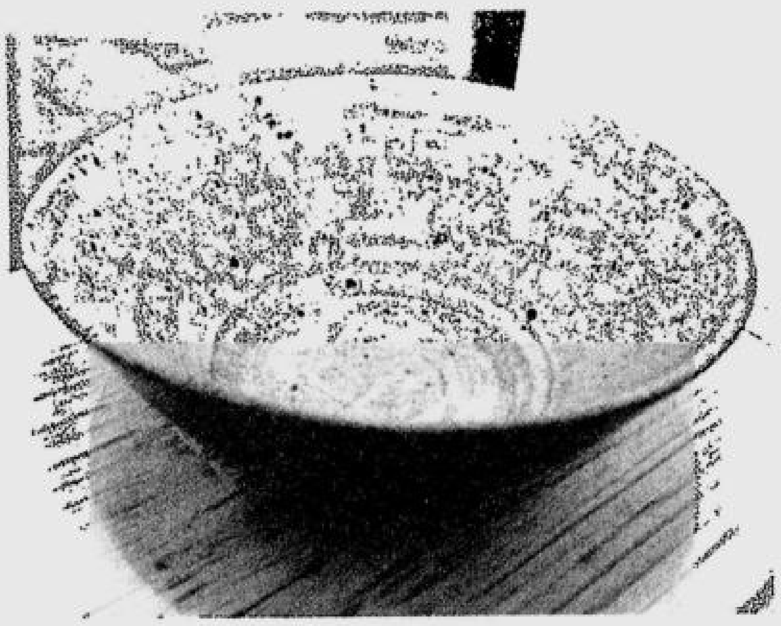
There are still vases here, and they do function as vases, but they are rather more sculptural than merely practical. Incised, impressed or dented, some have classic forms (conical, spherical, pyramidal), while others are oddly shaped, with protuberances or peacock spots on the surface, snakelike spirals around the body, oval ring on the face, uneven rim.

One or two of these as a conversation piece on the table can set off the dinner, even without the flowers. A few could be jugs or pitchers such as an anama-fired one of slate-green with a prominently protruding lip, the upper half of the conical body giving the illusion of leaning.

The exhibit, however, consists mostly of bowls of various sizes and functions. They can serve as individual soup bowls, tureens, teacups, canisters, coffee mugs, drinking glasses, even dim sum trays. The largest of these, in tan-blue matt glaze, of greenish-gray with cerulean and brown spots, can serve as a fruit tray.



**VASES** in khaki glaze



**BOWL** in tan-blue matt glaze

Contemplation of their worth and aesthetics may distract your experience of cuisine

A set of 10 small bowls in shino glaze, of whitish gray-brown, slightly elevated on unglazed bases and adorned with horizontal ribbing, could be teacups. There is a similar set of eight, but in khaki glaze, of tobacco-brown with blue traces.

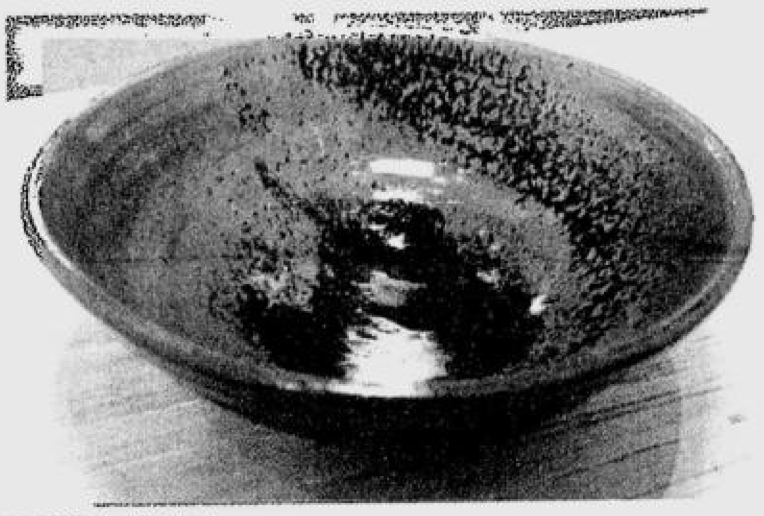
The rest are variants—smooth-surfaced or highly textured, dull or shiny, with relief or ribbing, drips or washes, of greenish tinge, celadon, olive-green, reddish brown, or half-maroon and half-black, ink-blue outside and brown inside, with ink-blue spots, rust-colored speckles, or a concentric bottom of gray and azure, like the nacre of a shellfish.

There are several porcelain bowls in tan-blue matt glaze. There is a set of three, shiny ones of yellowish brown-green. Another is a set of five, azure with whitish spots. The loveliest of these porcelain pieces is a blue one with an uneven rim and a concentric bottom with spots of violet, like mother-of-pearl.

Four rectangle plates are scattered amid the bowls: in tenmaku glaze, colored maroon with washes of black; in khaki glaze, with ink-blue washes; in tan-blue matt glaze; and in shino glaze, a whitish gray-brown piece with raised edges. Each looks like a sushi or sashimi dish. But it may also serve as a salver for nuts, chips, cookies, candies, or even as a sauceboat.

There are, of course, some round plates: a set of three in tan-blue matt glaze, elevated on bases; and a set of five in shino glaze, of whitish gray-brown.

We'd like to think these are dinner sets, that is, if one's idea of fine dining is eating off the bivalve of a giant clam.



**BOWL** in khaki glaze

**A CONVERSATION** piece to set off dinner

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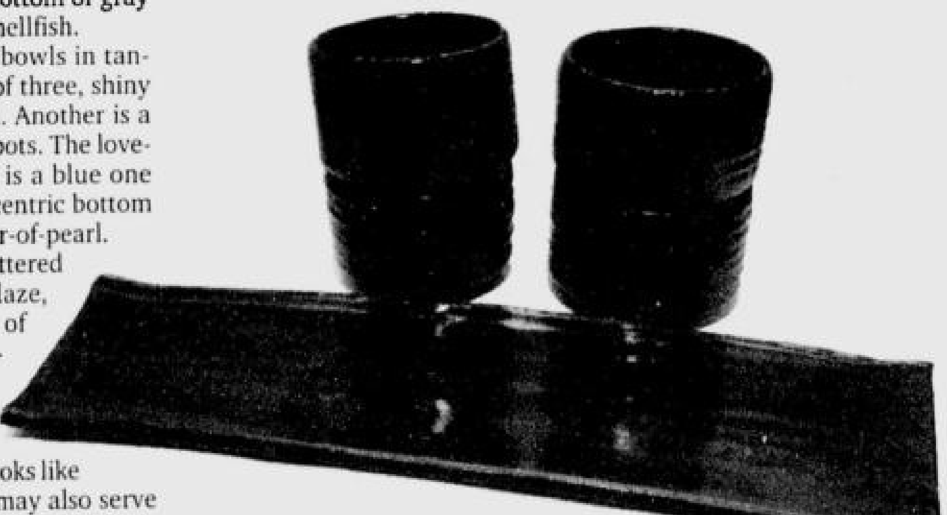

**BOWLS** and a rectangle plate in tenmaku glaze

**ROUND** and rectangle plates in shino glaze

**BOWLS** that may serve as dim sum trays

# Tales of woe by air travelers

THE CONSUMER

Marietta Velasco Giron

THE STORY of journalist Linda Bolido about her travel woe unearthed a can of worms, so to speak, when we related it to our contacts via e-mail to get their comments. The respondents aired numerous gripes and also gave tips on what to expect when you travel by air these days.

Bolido traveled recently to the Cook Islands via Los Angeles and was so dismayed by the poor facility in the plane. She related the following experience.

"Passengers of the fully booked PAL PR 102 flight on July 2 were griping all the way to Los Angeles, a 13-hour nonstop flight. The reason? Two of the plane's lavatories were out of order, and the third had no water in the sink! Imagine 300 passengers unable to use 2½ lavatories. As it is, the queues are normally long even when all lavatories are in good working condition. Not even all the grace and hospitality of the flight crew, could make up for that extreme inconvenience. Passengers who opted to miss the flight because of overbooking should feel lucky. PAL had a sign in the check-in counters offering P5,000 or P2,000 plus hotel accommodation to those who would voluntarily give up their booking and wait to get a seat in the next flight."

By the way, Bolido added, an American study found that the ratio of passengers to plane lavatories was too high. It suggested that airlines should give up some revenue by reducing the number of seats to allot space for more toilets.

### Hassles of tighter security

For those who haven't traveled since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, be prepared for the increased airport security checks. While some folks think the security measures may be a case of over-reaction, many laud the tight checks and are grateful. "It's for the good of the passengers," they agreed.

Here are comments we gathered:

**Cherrie Laracas of akiks@skyinet.net:** Since the shoe bomb scare, some airports require you to remove your shoes several times for inspection. I made the mistake of wearing boots when I took the Northwest flight to the US, not realizing [the hassle involved]. I was made to sit down and remove my boots, stockings and jacket for inspection. They turned my jacket and stockings inside out, and they inserted a detector in my boots. Feeling uncomfortable being seated for a long time, I stood up to stretch my limbs. The inspectors ordered me to sit down again. Then they inspected every item in my bag. When it was over, I asked why the detailed check. I was told that a passenger was caught with an explosive in the heel of his boots. A fellow passenger said suspicious inspectors ripped open the elevated heel of his footwear to check for explosives. I wore sandals on my return flight to Manila.

**lindab@awave.com.ph:** At the Cook Islands airport passengers remove their footwear so these can be x-rayed along with the luggage. People walk barefoot all the way to the other end of the x-ray machine to claim their stuff. There are also random checks of passengers at the airline check-in counters and just before boarding. Individuals are called out of the line and brought to a corner for body checks and manual inspection of items in their bags.

**Name withheld:** Woe to those who don't read travel advisories on what items are banned. I am one of them, so even my safety pin was confiscated.

I lost track of how many inspections my hand-carried bag and I went through before I finally entered the boarding gate at the US airport. Random scrutiny is conducted before you enter the boarding gate and another as you walk through the tube connecting to the plane. Woe to those who look suspicious in the eye of inspectors! They are subjected to humiliating inspections.

**Delegates to Floriade 2002:** We went to Holland to attend the Floriade international garden show, but we were detained and interrogated thoroughly at the Schiphol airport. We were asked where we would stay during our visit, how long we intended to stay, the purpose of our visit, and where we would go after Holland. They also asked to see our booking certificates and documents.

**Anna Purificacion Conde of Purificacion Orchids:** Security checks for my KLM flight was not as harassing as in other airlines. But the meals tasted flat compared to Asian fare that I have gotten used to. I wish they would stop serving instant noodles or ice cream as waker-upper when the time zone changes.

**Sid Ursua, Marikina:** The use of the carts at Manila's international airports is now free, but will the authorities please post a sign on how to disengage these carts from the others? Folks who haven't traveled for a long time, or are traveling for the first time, don't know that they have to push and pull the handle bar to separate carts. Signs giving directions on where arriving passengers should go for connecting domestic flights should be more conspicuous. Or there should be a convenient counter nearby that passengers can see right away.

### Other travel comments

**Bolido:** The ramp in Naia's arrival section leading to the parking area is so badly designed. It has a very steep incline that makes it an ordeal to push the luggage cart. If you are not strong enough, you are dragged fast to the bottom, or you bump against someone in front of you. It is also an ordeal if you get one of those rundown carts with wobbly wheels that go in different directions.

**Sid Ursua, aviation engineer:** Speaking of security inspection at the immigration section of some international airports, I don't mind raising my feet to have the soles of my

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# DIABETES AWA

# Life is Sweet

## Minding the Pinoy Diabetic

Dr. Augusto Litonjua

Dr. Josephine Rabocca

Parents should start to worry. Dr. Augusto Litonjua, president of the Philippine Center for Diabetes Education Foundation (PCDEF), says the number of diabetics are increasing at an alarming rate and are involving younger people.

First, there's the lifestyle of today's generation (though not the true for all diabetic cases). Children are becoming less active and are eating less healthy foods. They are becoming bigger and younger and this, shares Dr. Litonjua, is "intimately related with diabetes." For those who develop diabetes later in life, there are only two reasons: katamaran and katakawan.

One study that Litonjua cites is the experiment made in Da Qing, China. The community was divided into two groups, those who went on as usual and the group encouraged to take on a more active lifestyle. The former showed to be more prone to diabetes than the latter.

Then, there's the diet. It's not just a sugar issue. The real problem is the inability of the body to produce or respond properly to insulin. "Insulin does not only concern itself with glucose, but also amino acids and fatty acids," says Litonjua, "If you have too much fat in the blood, your sugar goes up, and that causes insulin problems."

To make things worse, there's the problem of cost. Diabetes is expensive. A diabetic is lucky if he is prescribed only one medicine and even that can cost him around P1,000 a month. Usually, a diabetic is prescribed three. And that doesn't even consider the complications.

That is why prevention is key. There are three stages to managing diabetes-- primary prevention, preventing diabetes complications and arresting complications. "The objective is to go only as far as stage one," says Dr. Josephine Rabocca, chairperson of the Diabetes Awareness Program of the PCDEF.

This is where education enters the picture. Awareness is the answer to prevention and proper management of the disease.

PCDEF, one of the country's most hardworking education networks on diabetes, aims to emphasize prevention as opposed to coping with the disease. To educate the general public, a series of lectures have been set up to heighten diabetes awareness in both private & public venues. Free screenings in drugstores are also being conducted to first-degree relatives of diabetics.

To assist in the growing numbers of diabetics, PCDEF has also been training teams of medical professionals specially selected by their hospital chiefs (a doctor, a dietician & a nurse) on understanding and treatment of diabetes. They make sure these teams have a place where they can apply the training given to them. Diabetes clinics are then set up where these teams are based. Already, the foundation is on its 14th batch of trainees.

The PCDEF is even starting young. Together with affiliate organizations and the government, they have taken the diabetes awareness program to the younger set. "We're starting with elementary students," reveals Litonjua, "we begin teaching a more active and healthy lifestyle very early in life. "Diabetes education", Litonjua asserts, "should start where the formation takes place - in school."

"The solution to diabetes is already staring right at our faces," shares Litonjua. "All you need," he adds, "is a healthy diet and a more active lifestyle." The solution sounds simple enough, and hopefully, we realize this just in time.

## DIABETES AWARENESS WEEK PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

### "Unahan ang Langgam... Paghamon sa Diabetes: Isang Dekada"

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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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**B. CULMINATING ACTIVITIES:**
**August 4, 2002**
**Festival Supermall, Alabang**

**10:00 a.m.**
Holy Mass
**11:00 a.m.**
Program/ Competition Awarding of Outstanding Patients
Free Blood Glucose Testing
Wet Sampling

**C. WEEK-LONG ACTIVITIES**
Nationwide Screening of First-degree relatives
(Blood Sugar & Body Mass Index) to be conducted
in major drugstores.

## DOH RATTLES diabetes

A study conducted by the Department of Health had a very startling conclusion-- 63% of the country's diabetics don't even know they have the disease. This is very scary since surviving diabetes depends a lot on the proper management of the disease.

Without proper management, diabetes can be debilitating, even deadly. In fact, Diabetes Mellitus is already one of the top 10 causes of death among Filipinos. This figure doesn't even count deaths due to complications caused by diabetes.

In response, the Department of Health has formulated the National Diabetes Prevention and Control Program. This is a program aimed at averting the catastrophe that can befall a people ill-prepared to handle the modern-day epidemic called diabetes.

To meet this objective, the program will focus on primary prevention. The DOH will stage an awareness campaign on the prevention of the disease through proper nutrition and a healthier lifestyle. This can also be the venue for undiagnosed diabetics to realize the possibility of their having the disease. For known diabetics, training and the promotion of self-care shall be the thrusts.

Groundwork is currently being laid for these programs to be implemented on a national level. In the meantime, people (especially those with a family history) are advised to have their blood-sugar checked and to adopt a healthier lifestyle to avoid the onset of the disease.

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## Working out for diabetics from the international chain of gyms, Fitness First,

There are only three things you have to keep in mind to be able to cope with diabetes successfully: proper medication, healthy diet and exercise. Usually, the last one is the least followed because they don't realize that they need to exercise to burn the sugar in their blood.

Dong Ilyong, National Fitness Manager of the international fitness chain Fitness First, shares some helpful insights on how diabetics can safely integrate exercise into their lifestyle. Of course, it all begins with the recommendations from your doctor. "Health screening is crucial to a successful workout program," says Ilyong.

Getting Committed Flat abs or lower blood sugar will not happen if you don't show up, workout and come back. Ilyong advices, "Once you start the workout, try to block off that hour you committed. Just treat it as you would an important meeting."

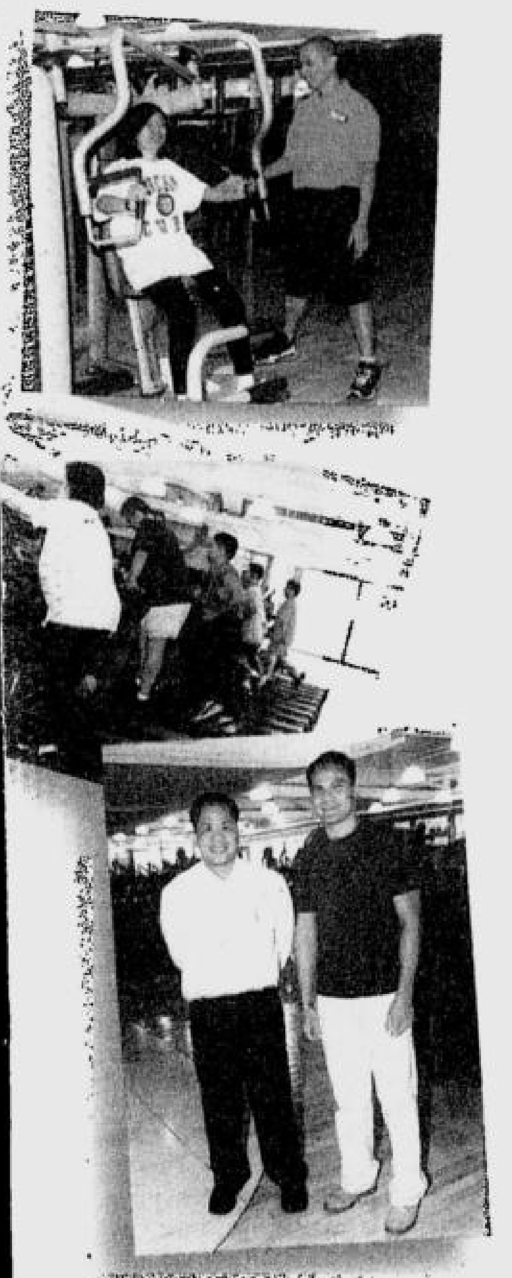
Getting Started "Make sure that you have instructors who have been fully oriented with your condition, and are people you can get along with," says Ilyong. "This way, fitness instructors will be your lookout."

The warm-up and cool-down sessions are always given extra attention. The recommended warm-up should be slow-paced and gradual, taking anywhere between 10 and 15 minutes to finish. After the strength training or the exercise proper, it's important to bring down the heart rate to pre-exercise level gradually as well. Cool down should take anywhere between 5 and 10 minutes.

Exercise for Life The novelty of working out wears off after a few months, and that's when exercise turns into a chore. Those who stay for the long haul are members who find the joys of exercising. "It's hard to commit to something you don't like doing," cites Ilyong. If you're not a gym person, try cross training. Alternate your workout days with aerobics, swimming, walking - all these are ideal exercises for the diabetic.

Even health clubs are doing what they can to give members reasons to come back. Fitness First has what they call a cardio theater where they can pop in a movie while working out. Group memberships are also encouraged to make working out more enjoyable.

The important thing is integration. Make it an activity you look forward to and start living the healthy life.



Jeng Jopson (L),Club Manager of Fitness First Makati together with Dong Ilyong, National Fitness Manager of Fitness First

### Exercise Reminders for Diabetics:

It's great to feel getting all worked up and out, but the sensible diabetic (and those who are prone to have) takes some precautions when exercising.

1. Always warm-up and cool down.
2. Build rapport with your instructor. Your program needs closer monitoring.
3. Use the proper footwear. Get socks & shoes that will not make you prone to blisters & sores.
4. Watch your feet. Check the in-between of your toes, ankles and soles for blisters before and after exercise.
5. Wear a diabetes ID bracelet that is visible to others.
6. Drink water before, during and after the work out.
7. Refrain from exercises that can strain the feet too much.

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"We are witnessing a trend in the Filipinos' eating habits that's been very evident in the last couple of years," emphasizes Sison. "We're talking about the dramatic increase of health-conscious customers." This new demand put Dulcinea back into their kitchen experimenting for several months to whip up sweet treats minus the calories with Equal sweetener.

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# PROMOTING HEALTHY EATING IN CHILDREN

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Helping your family develop nutritious eating patterns that they can follow throughout life is more important than a diet. Family involvement teaches everyone healthful habits and does not single out the child with diabetes and/ or overweight.

Teaching healthy eating practices early will help children approach eating with the right attitude that food should be enjoyed and is necessary for growth, development, and for energy to keep the body running. The best way to begin is to learn more about children's nutritional needs by reading or talking with a health professional and then to offer your children more healthy options, allowing them to choose what and how much to eat.

### Your Attitude Makes A Difference

Let your child know that he is no different from the other children and that he is okay despite his being diabetic or overweight, if he is. How children feel about themselves often revolves around how their parents feel about them.

Try not to treat your child differently because of his condition. Treat him as you would if he weren't diabetic. Do not control his food because this could cause a preoccupation with food and lead to overeating. Your child should be allowed to choose what to eat and to regulate how much he eats.

### Talk With Your Child

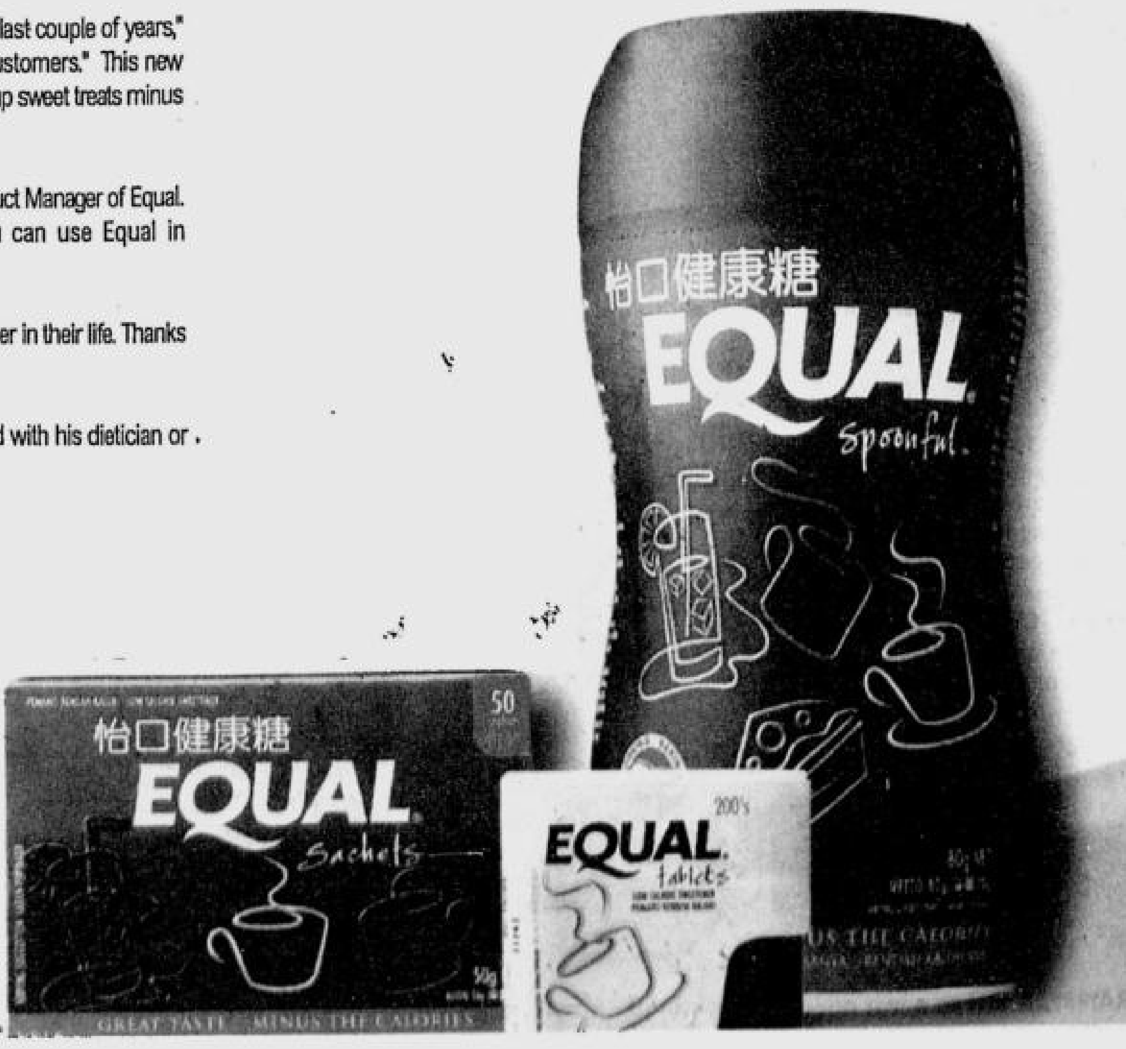
Talk with your child about diabetes to open the lines of communication between the two of you. Encourage your child to share his feelings on this subject whenever they arise. Let him know that you are available to listen whenever he wishes to talk.

Here are some ways to help your child develop good attitude about eating: -

- Don't place your child on a restrictive diet. Limiting what children eat may be harmful to their growth and development. To promote proper growth and development, parents should offer the whole family a wide variety of foods from each of the food groups of the Food Guide Pyramid.
- Guide your family's choices rather than dictate foods. Make a wide variety of healthful foods available in the house. This practice will help your children learn how to make healthy food choices.
- Eat meals together as a family, as often as possible. Try to make mealtimes pleasant with conversation and sharing, not a time for scolding and arguing. If mealtimes are unpleasant, children may try to eat faster to leave the table as soon as possible and learn to associate eating with stress.
- Involve children in food shopping and preparing meals. These activities will be an opportunity to know about children's food preferences, teach children about nutrition, and provide children with a feeling of accomplishment. In addition, children may be more willing to eat or try foods that they help prepare.
- Plan for snacks. Snacks that are pleasant at specific times during the day can be part of a nutritious diet, without spoiling a child's appetite at mealtimes.
- Do not use food to punish or reward your child. Withholding food as a punishment may make children worry that they will not get enough food. On the other hand, when foods, such as sweets, are used as a reward, may send the wrong message that these foods are better or more valuable than other foods.
- Make sure your child's meals outside the home are balanced. Find out what foods are served at the school canteen, or pack your child's lunch to include a variety of foods. Allow your child to select from the menu and suggest better alternatives.

### Set A Good Example

Children are good learners, and they learn best by example. Being a model to your kids by eating a variety of foods teach your children healthy eating habits that they can follow for the rest of their lives.



## ON A WING AND A PRAYER

# Bonding in Bangalore

**By Sr. Mary John Mananzan, O.S.B.**
*Contributor*

BANGALORE, formerly known as the Garden City of India , is now called the Silicon Valley of the subcontinent. But in spite of the unbelievably fast urbanization and technological development of the city in the last 10 years, it is still for me a garden city—its avenues lined with verdant trees that seem to have come to the fullness of their "treeness," the branches expanding to their outermost limits. Now the May trees (fire trees) are in bloom and it is a treat to drive through the country roads under the canopy of blazing trees. I was like a madwoman trying to capture in my camcorder the flaming colors on both sides of the car.

**ORGANIZER** of women's rights march

A reunion of Indian graduates of the Manila-based Institute of Women Studies shows how Indian women are spreading the gospel of feminism in the subcontinent

But let me backtrack a little. My last two days in Madurai were spent giving an ecofeminism seminar to the faculty members of the Lady Doak College and invited faculty members from neighboring colleges. By their own admission, Indian women are rather prim and proper. So when I taught them the element and goddess dances as well as the Shibashi, they were very timid at first. But after they got the hang of it, they swayed and twirled with gusto.

Lady Doak College is a partner institution of the Institute of Women Studies and has the distinction of having sent a faculty member every year for the past seven years to the Intercultural Course on Women and Society, beginning with its principal, Nirmala Jeyaraz.

At the end of the seminar, these graduates and I took the night train to Bangalore where we would have the reunion-evaluation of the ICWS course. It was a very pleasant night trip in an air-conditioned coach. We slept quietly through the night and when we woke up at 6 a.m., we had arrived at the Bangalore station. Another graduate, Suhasini, who is in charge of the Women's Task Group of the YMCA (not YWCA!), sent the van to fetch us and to bring us to the Indian Social Institute, which was the venue of our reunion-evaluation.

### Successful reunion

The two-day reunion-evaluation was a real success. Ten graduates attended the sessions; they came from Madurai, Chennai (Madras) and Bangalore. Although they belong to different batches, the earliest being Batch 1992 and the latest Batch 2001, the impact of the course seems consistent: a heightened self-esteem, a deepened spirituality, an improvement of personality, an intensification of commitment to the women's cause, an improvement in teaching methodology, and more systematic methods of working with NGO's.

Every alumna is also making an impact in her area of work. For example, the principal of Lady Doak made women's studies as the main focus of her college, which will become a university soon. Those involved in NGOs are heading organizations of women and mobilizing them in the advocacy of women's causes. Suhasini envisioned a "Mendez farm" in the campsite of 20 acres owned by the YMCA at the outskirts of Bangalore.

At the end of the evaluation, an Institute of Women's Studies Alumnae Association was formed that will handle networking, cooperative ventures, annual reunions, and eventually trainers' training courses for Indian women à la Nursia. I was very happy. Nirmala was elected coordinator for three years. The YMCA general secretary gave us a formal reception at the beginning and at the end of the session. Surprise of surprises, at the closing session, he presented me a plaque citing my "inculcation of ecofeminist values among women on a global level."

**REUNION** of graduates of the Institute of Women Studies

Suhasini thought that after four days of work, I deserved an excursion. So she arranged for a one-day trip to Mysore—the land of Maharajahs, some 120 km from Bangalore. We first went to the summer palace of the Tipu Sultan, a national hero who distinguished himself by fighting the British and dying in battle. The palace was small but elaborately decorated.

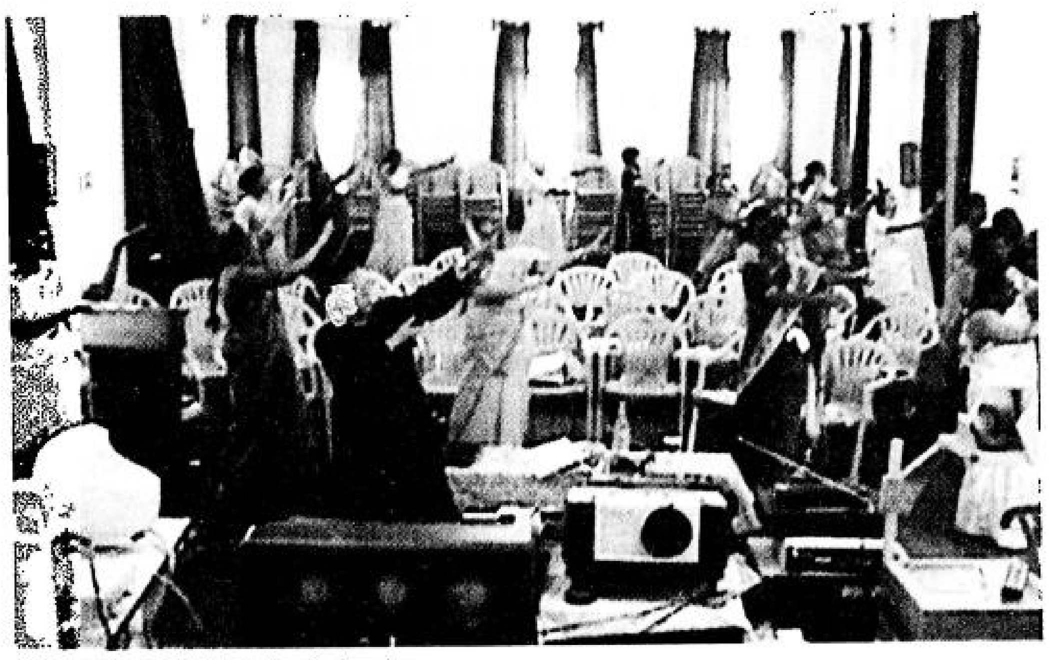
We also visited some temples and a huge and beautiful Catholic Church dedicated to St. Philomena (who, by the way, was taken out of the Church calendar some years back because she was proven to be a fictitious figure along with St. Christopher; I was wondering what the faithful in this fabulous church think about that).

### Highlight

The highlight of the trip was the visit to the palace of the Maharajah of Mysore and to the biggest dam in Karnataka, measuring 5 km. The palace was straight from "A Thousand and One Nights"—with its elaborately carved doors, treasures including a golden chariot (literally), ivory furniture and artifacts, intricately carved ceilings, silver doors, etc. It was simply overwhelming. The last place we visited was the dam where we had to walk at least 2 km before reaching its beautiful gardens with flowers of all colors and with dancing fountains.

After that trip, the next day's program was more sober. We visited the different centers Suhasini was in charge of—the day-care center, tailoring center and camping site. What interested me most was the day-care center that was run by a Catholic woman named Paschal Mary, who also coordinates the Credit Cooperative for Women started by Suhasini among the mothers of some of the children as well as other women in the nearby slum. The scheme consisted of each woman contributing some amount every month and becoming a member when she has contributed 600 rupees (slightly higher than P600). Whatever amount the women come up with is matched by a contribution of an equal amount from the YMCA. The whole amount is deposited in a bank. Members may then borrow up to 2,000 rupees to finance their small livelihood activities (such as sewing, cooking, vending, etc.), paying 10 percent of the borrowed sum plus 3 percent interest every month.

What is remarkable about the project is that it begins with a credit cooperative but becomes a venue for awakening women's awareness, organizing them into a self-governing group and empowering them not only economically but also personally and politically. There are now 25 members with each having borrowed at least four times. There are very few cases of inability or failure to pay and the whole group decides what to do with each case. I wonder why similar schemes we had tried did not find success among our Filipino women. It would be interesting to use their scheme among our urban poor women.



**SHIBASHI** with Lady Doak faculty

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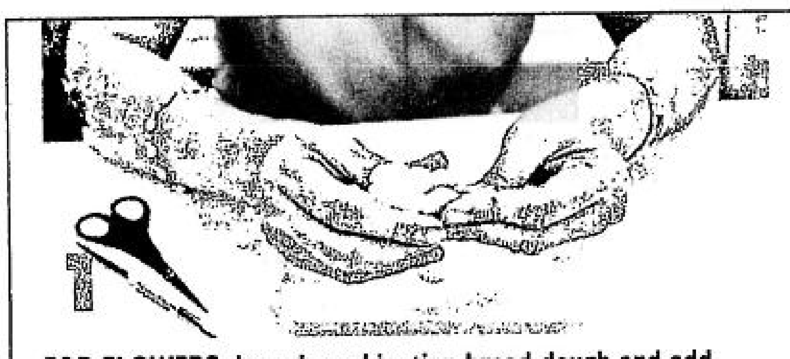
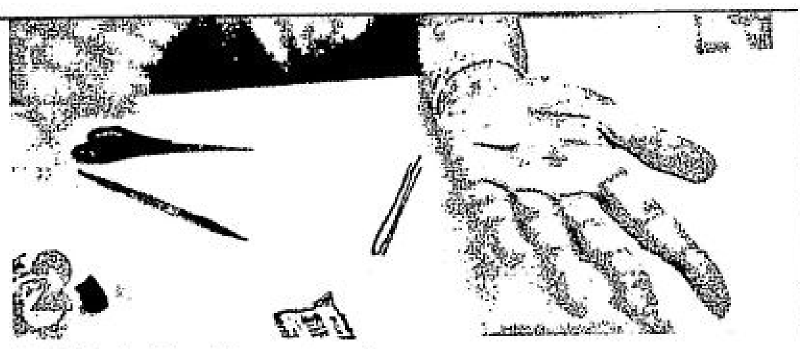
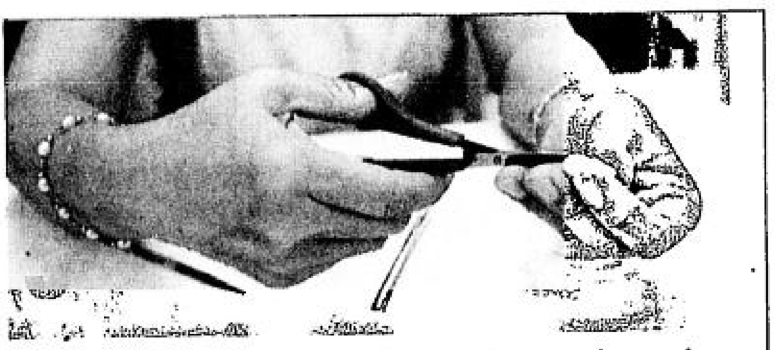


**FOR FLOWERS,** knead combination bread dough and add desired color.



**SHAPE** the dough into a teardrop.



**CUT** with scissors into four petals, spreading out the petals with a working stick.

# *How to bake a flower*

**Text by Bibsy M. Carballo**
*Contributor*
**Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan**

**CRAFT**

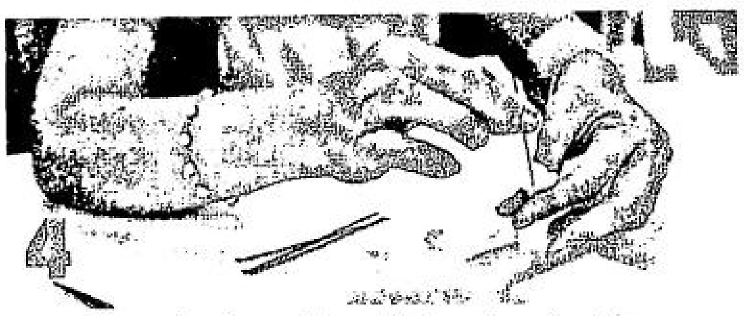
WHEN Marli Wada was living in Tokyo she joined a workshop on making flowers with bread dough. That was some 15 years ago. It never entered her mind that she would eventually bring home the knowledge to the Philippines and be its most active proponent.

Marli started teaching the craft in her house in 1988. Since the demand has grown, she now gives classes in other venues. One of them is the Pottery Exchange in Greenhills (tel. 722-9986), which also offers workshops in other crafts.

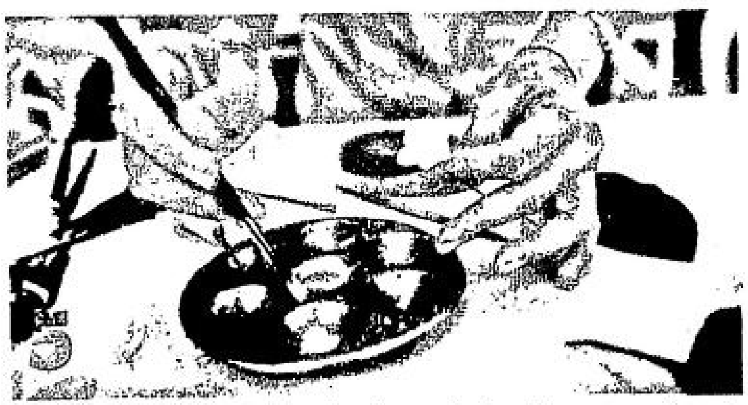
Combining imported bread dough (more pliable) with local bread dough, Marli otherwise uses local materials as substitutes. Basic materials include paint brushes, leaf molds (real leaves can be used), leaf presses (substitute is rolling pin), scissors, cutter, working stick (substitute is rounded chopstick), floral tape and stems (from Divisoria), Elmer's glue, oil-based paint.

Call Marli at 927-5075 or (0917) 845-5230.

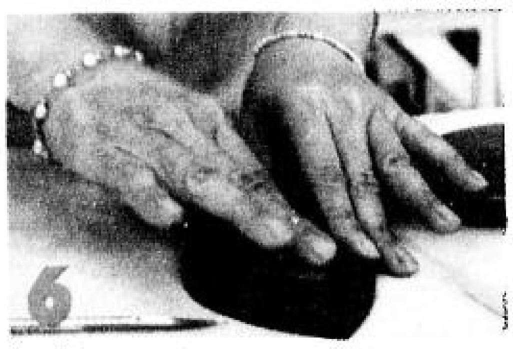
The bread dough is also a flower, says crafts teacher Marli Wada



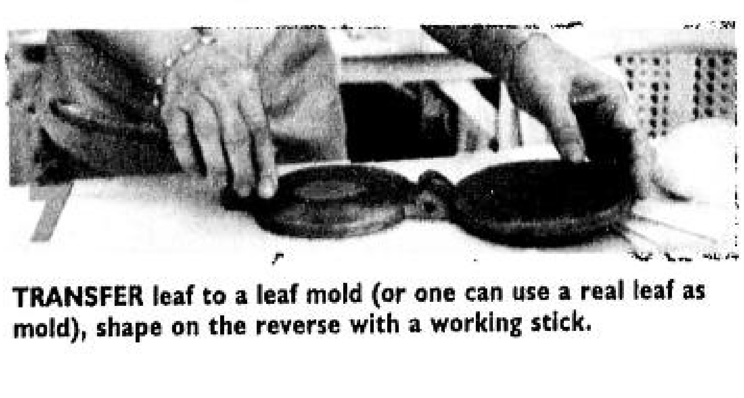
**PUT** glue on the wire and insert into center of petals.



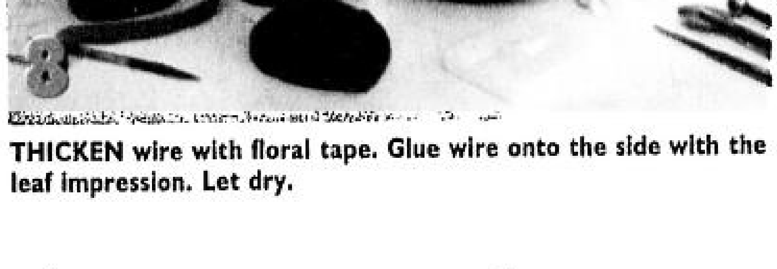
**LET** dry. Paint on additional color as desired in center of each flower.



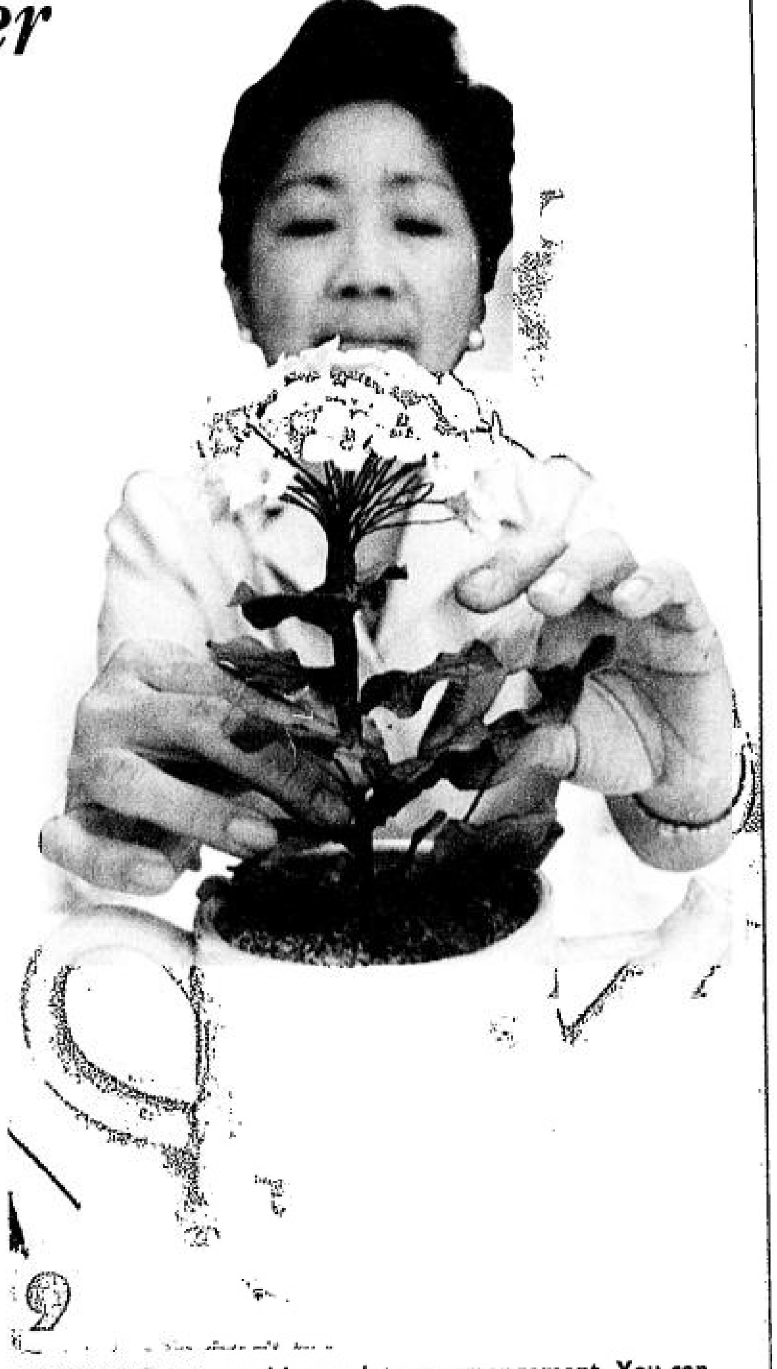
**START** work on leaves by putting green color, kneading into a long teardrop, and press in leaf presser. One can use ordinary rolling pin.



**TRANSFER** leaf to a leaf mold (or one can use a real leaf as mold), shape on the reverse with a working stick.



**THICKEN** wire with floral tape. Glue wire onto the side with the leaf impression. Let dry.



**COMBINE** flowers and leaves into an arrangement. You can do variations of flowers—some buds, some in half-bloom, others in full bloom—by experimenting with your working stick.

# Tales of woe by air travelers

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footwear inspected. This is part of routine airport security measures we passengers should not begrudge.

**Feli Deleña:** Why are porters pushing wheelchairs crowding the arrival area at the Manila international airport? They suggest you take the wheelchair even if you don't look like you need it. By the way, some of the wheelchairs are deplorably rundown.

### Advice to travelers

Here are travel guides from the Consumer Reports, a US publication:

- Leave home earlier, ideally three hours for an international flight.
- Be smart about packing. Off limits are knives or cutting instruments of any kind. These include metallic and nonmetallic knives, box cutters, straight razors, scissors.
- Pack fewer items.
- Most electronic gear, including kids' electronic games, is being closely scrutinized.
- Carry proper identification. You must now carry either a photo ID or two forms of non-photo ID, one of which is issued by a government agency.
- At the airport, limit members of your sendoff party.
- Prepare to have your luggage searched.
- Know whom to call. Carry contact information for the airline, your travel agent, etc. If your flight is delayed or canceled, it could be quicker to rebook by phone than to wait on a line at the terminal.
- Know your rights. Airlines have specific obligations to assist you if your flight is delayed, canceled, or diverted because of a problem under the airline's control.
- Be polite. Airport security will not tolerate verbal abuse or other manifestations of "air rage." Harsh words or joking about security can lead to an arrest.

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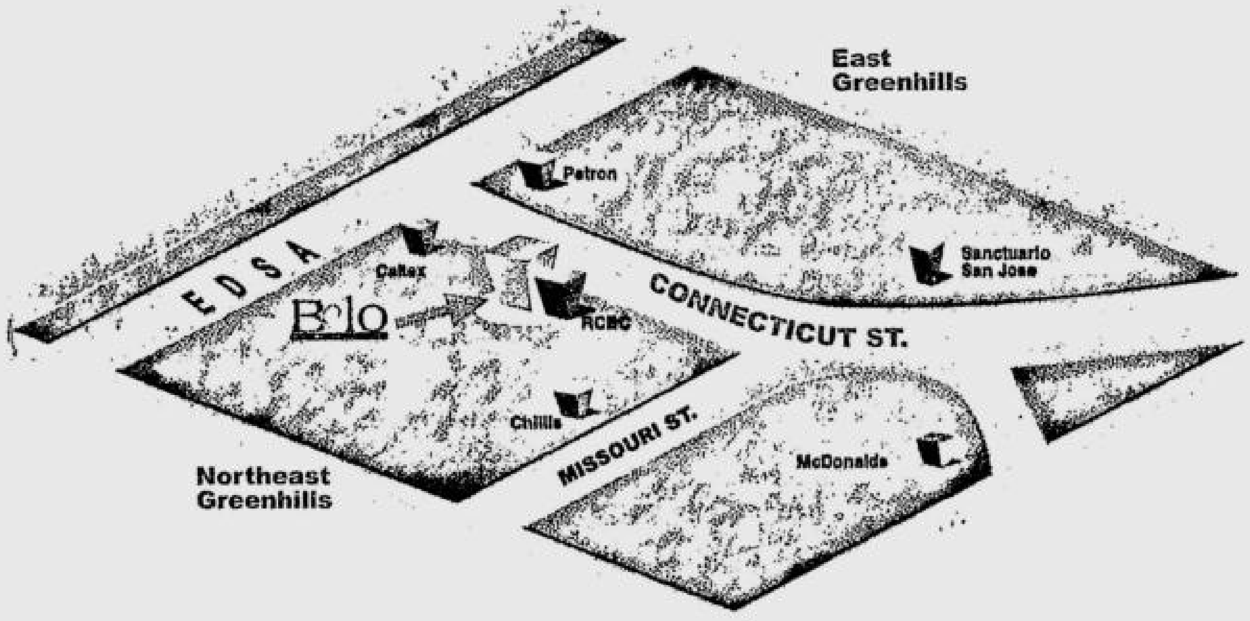

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# A tale of romantic serendipity

**By Donnie C. Ramirez**
*Contributor*

THERE'S an obscure saying that goes, "Forever never starts unless love binds hearts." For computer specialist Juan Antonio Baños and ophthalmologist Cynthia "Chay" Yu, forever started on June 27 when they made their wedding vows at fashionable rites officiated by Fr. John Andreu, SDB, at the Santuario de San Antonio in Forbes Park.

For Juan and Chay, it was the culmination of a beautiful love story that began in a serendipitous encounter at Boston's Logan International Airport in the fall of 1997. In San Francisco for a medical convention, Chay decided to make a side trip to Boston to experience the fabled autumn in New England. That same day, Juan was returning from a holiday in Florida to start work at the Toyota headquarters in Watertown, Massachusetts. Their paths crossed at the bustling airport and, to make a long story short, they met, talked and fell in love!

The romance spanned two continents. Juan would meet Chay every time she was in the United States—in California or New York or anywhere. When he followed her to Manila, the romance fully bloomed.

Cuban-born Juan grew up in Boston. The eldest of four sons of Sandra Haydee Garcia de Baños, he studied at Clark University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and is a qualified Microsoft computer systems engineer. Chay is the daughter of Pagoda Phils. president Ernesto Yu and the former Fe Leabres. She graduated from the University of Santo Tomas with a degree in medicine and is a diplomate in ophthalmology.

At her wedding, Chay wore an off-white gown of handwoven pure silk designed by Patis Tesoro. It had a long train of gold dupioni silk and was accented with ruffles to give it a touch of the groom's Hispanic heritage. The female entourage wore Flamenco-inspired gowns in Prussian blue and saffron gold, while the men sported hand-embroidered *piña* barong in bright fuchsia.

Robert Blancaflor's décor for the reception at the Rizal Ballroom of the Makati Shangri-La was an elegant fusion of Spanish, Chinese and Filipino elements. The wedding cake, by Penk Ching of Pastry Bin, replicated the color theme.

JUAN and Cynthia with their 3-year-old daughter Jasmin Claire

WITH MAIDS of honor Gilda Gomez and Dr. Perla Duran, matron of honor Jennifer Vicencio and best men Vaughn Yu, Ernest Dohnn Yu and Venerando Vicencio

She made a side trip to Boston to experience the fabled autumn in New England and found love at the bustling airport

THE BRIDE'S parents Ernesto and Fe Yu

Principal sponsors were Sen. Loi Ejercito, Dr. Rodrigo Floro, Luis Yan, Lucia Tan, lawyers Edgardo Mendoza and Mellie Ablaza, theater-broker Ng Meng Tan, Nini Licaros, publisher Antonio Cabangon Chua, Geny Tan, Dr. Hermogenes Tantoco and Fortune Ledesma.

Best men were the bride's brothers Dohnn and Vaughn Yu and Venerando Vicencio. Maids of honor were Dr. Perla Duran and stunning Honduran-American Gilda Gomez. Jennifer Vicencio was matron of honor.

The bride's young colleagues from the medical profession made up the rest of the entourage and majority of the wedding guests. The groom's good-looking family, including younger brother Miguel, was there. But the happiest member of the wedding party was an adorable little girl named Jasmin Claire, the newlyweds' 3-year-old daughter who, according to her Lola Fe, could hardly wait for a little sister or brother to share her Papa Juan and Mama Chay's love nest.

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## Milestones

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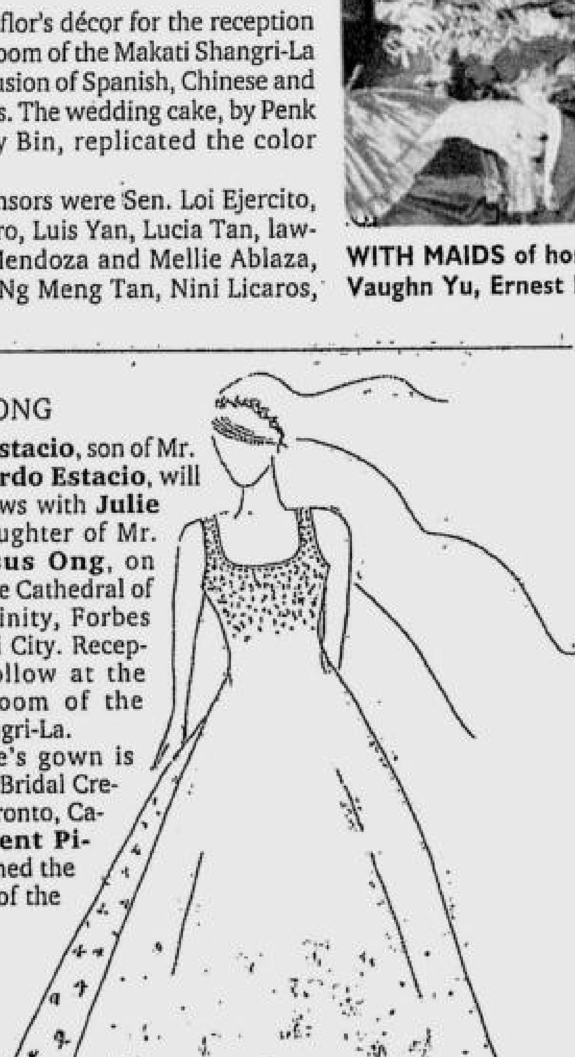
### ESTACIO-ONG

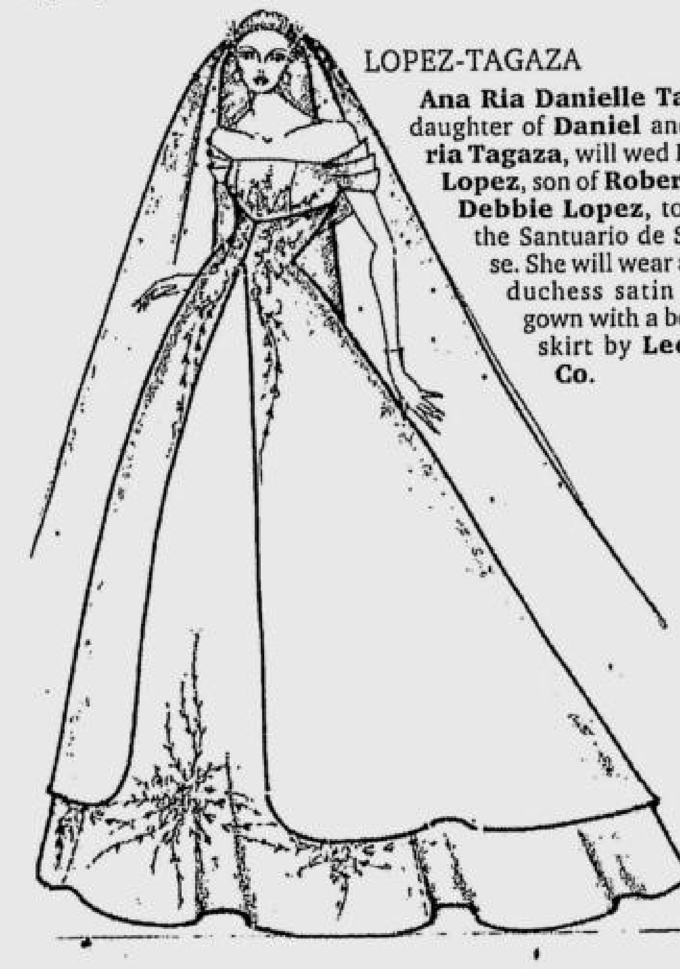
**John P. Estacio**, son of Mr. and Ms **Ricardo Estacio**, will exchange vows with **Julie S. Ong**, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Jesus Ong**, on Aug. 11 at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Forbes Park, Makati City. Reception will follow at the Rizal Ballroom of the Makati Shangri-La.

The bride's gown is designed by Bridal Creations of Toronto, Canada. **Vincent Pineda** designed the lilac gowns of the entourage.



### LOPEZ-TAGAZA

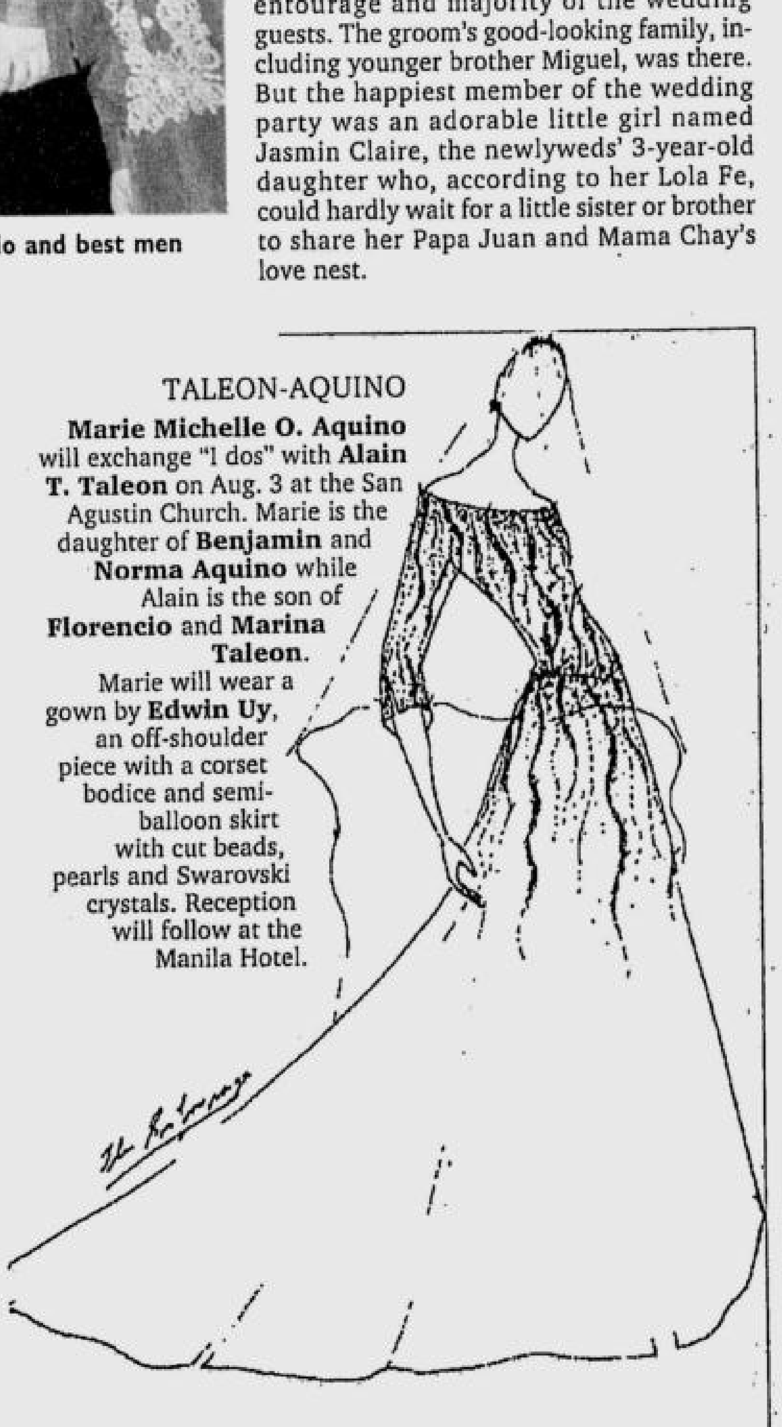
**Ana Ria Danielle Tagaza**, daughter of **Daniel** and **Gloria Tagaza**, will wed **Lester Lopez**, son of **Roberto** and **Debbie Lopez**, today at the Santuario de San Jose. She will wear an ecru duchess satin bridal gown with a bouffant skirt by **Leonard Co**.



### TALEON-AQUINO

**Marie Michelle O. Aquino** will exchange "I dos" with **Alain T. Taleon** on Aug. 3 at the San Agustin Church. Marie is the daughter of **Benjamin** and **Norma Aquino** while Alain is the son of **Florencio** and **Marina Taleon**.

Marie will wear a gown by **Edwin Uy**, an off-shoulder piece with a corset bodice and semi-balloon skirt with cut beads, pearls and Swarovski crystals. Reception will follow at the Manila Hotel.



### MANTO DEBUT

**Bernice G. Manto**, youngest daughter of **Ferdie** and **Linda Manto**, celebrated her 18th birthday on July 13 with a dinner-dance party at the Rizal Ballroom of the Makati Shangri-La. The debutante wore a gown by **Letlet Veloso**.

Bernice is a communications freshman at the Assumption College.

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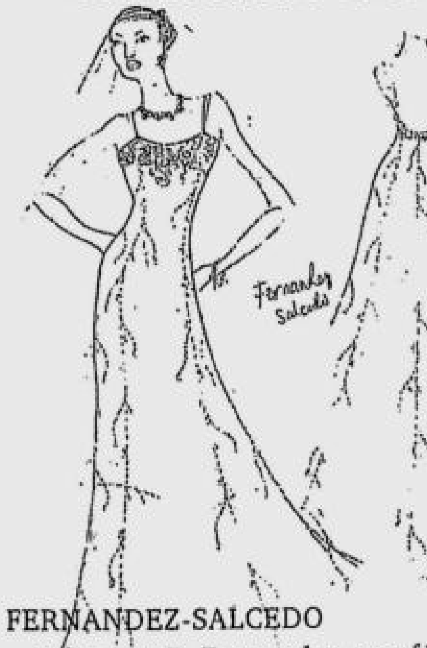


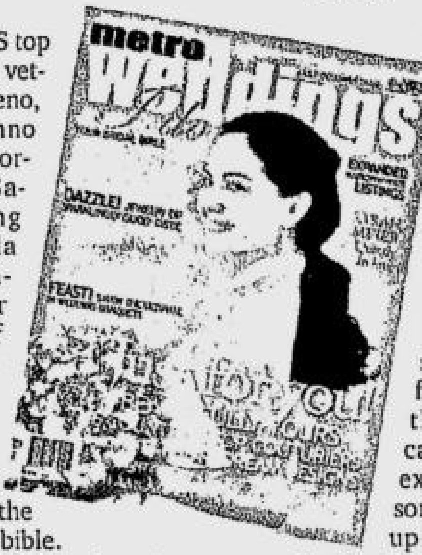
FERNANDEZ-SALCEDO

**Brian Rey R. Fernandez**, son of **Pedro B. Fernandez Sr.**, exchanged vows with **Annie O. Salcedo**, daughter of **Anita O. vda. de Salcedo**, on June 19 at the Redemptorist Church, Bajada, Davao City. Reception was held at the Apo View Hotel, Camus, Davao City. Wedding coordinator was **Nicole "Tata" S. Soriano** of Heaven's Gift. **Noel** of Wedding Bells created the princess-cut gown in duchess satin.

EVANGELISTA DEBUT

**Diwata U. Evangelista**, only child of lawyer **Tomas** and **Teresita Evangelista**, celebrated her 18th birthday on June 8 at the ballroom of the Heritage Hotel, Manila. The debutante is a tourism freshman at the University of the Philippines, Diliman, QC.

# Dream wedding gowns for discriminating women



THE COUNTRY'S top designers—from veterans Pitoy Moreno, Ben Farrales, Inno Sotto, Auggie Cordero and Joe Salazar, to young turks Rhett Eala and Patrice Ramos-Diaz—offer up a folio of fabulous visions for a dream wedding gown in the latest issue of Metro Weddings I Do, the biannual bridal bible.

This jam-packed issue, featuring model and VJ Sarah Meier on the cover, offers the ultimate in wedding options for the discriminating bride-to-be. Top chefs and caterers such as Via Mare's Glenda Barretto and the Shang Palace of the Makati Shangri-La spread out suggested menus, from costume banquets to grand lauriats. Take some valuable tips on creating newlywed spaces, whether it be in a compact condominium unit or within your in-laws' walls. Get great ideas from the most sumptuous of floral spreads, the grandest cakes, the most exquisite accessories and makeup options that are perfect for you.

Be inspired to get ready for your own big day; read up on the exciting, detailed diaries of real-life brides Angela Montenegro-Arroyo and Daphne Oseña-Paez as they share their most special moments with readers.

Metro Weddings I Do is available at selected bookstores and magazine outlets.

## A celebration of style for the modern bride-to-be

COME discover the secrets of style that make weddings unforgettable as Metro Weddings I Do and Rustan's present "Aisle Style," a bridal fair that ends today at the 6/F Rustan's Makati.

Get bridal fashion tips from Rustan's designers and prep your skin for the big day with tips from Clarins skin care specialists. Get more "Bride Ideas" with Weddings by Victoria, and discover "Easy Elegance" with The Bride's Maids and Co.'s afternoon of themes and motifs. Enjoy an afternoon of pure "Girl Talk" at Essences with special guest Daphne Oseña-Paez and eavesdrop some more as style honcho Rachy Cuna trades secrets to stylish finishing touches. Learn techniques from Yoga Foundation as they relax your mind and body with "Yoga for the Modern Bride."

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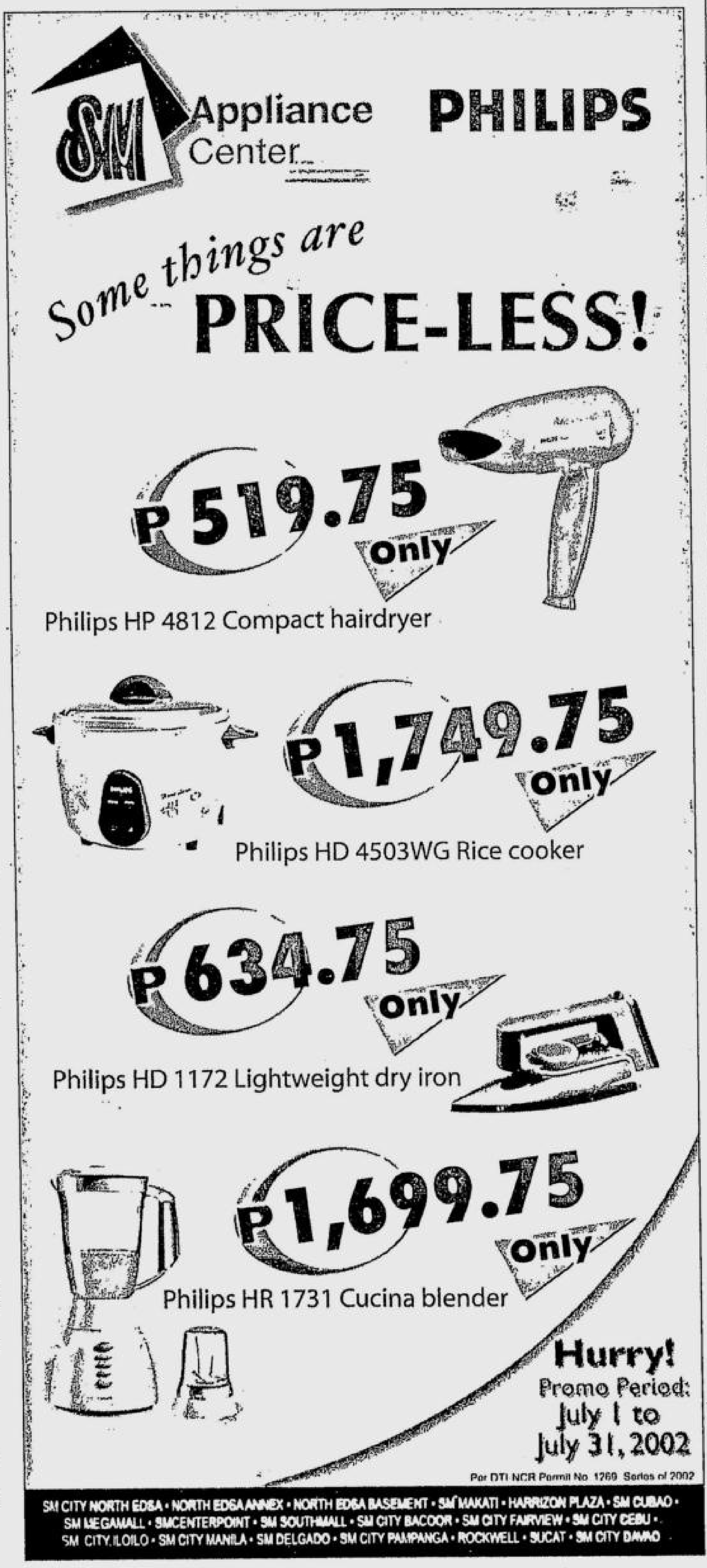
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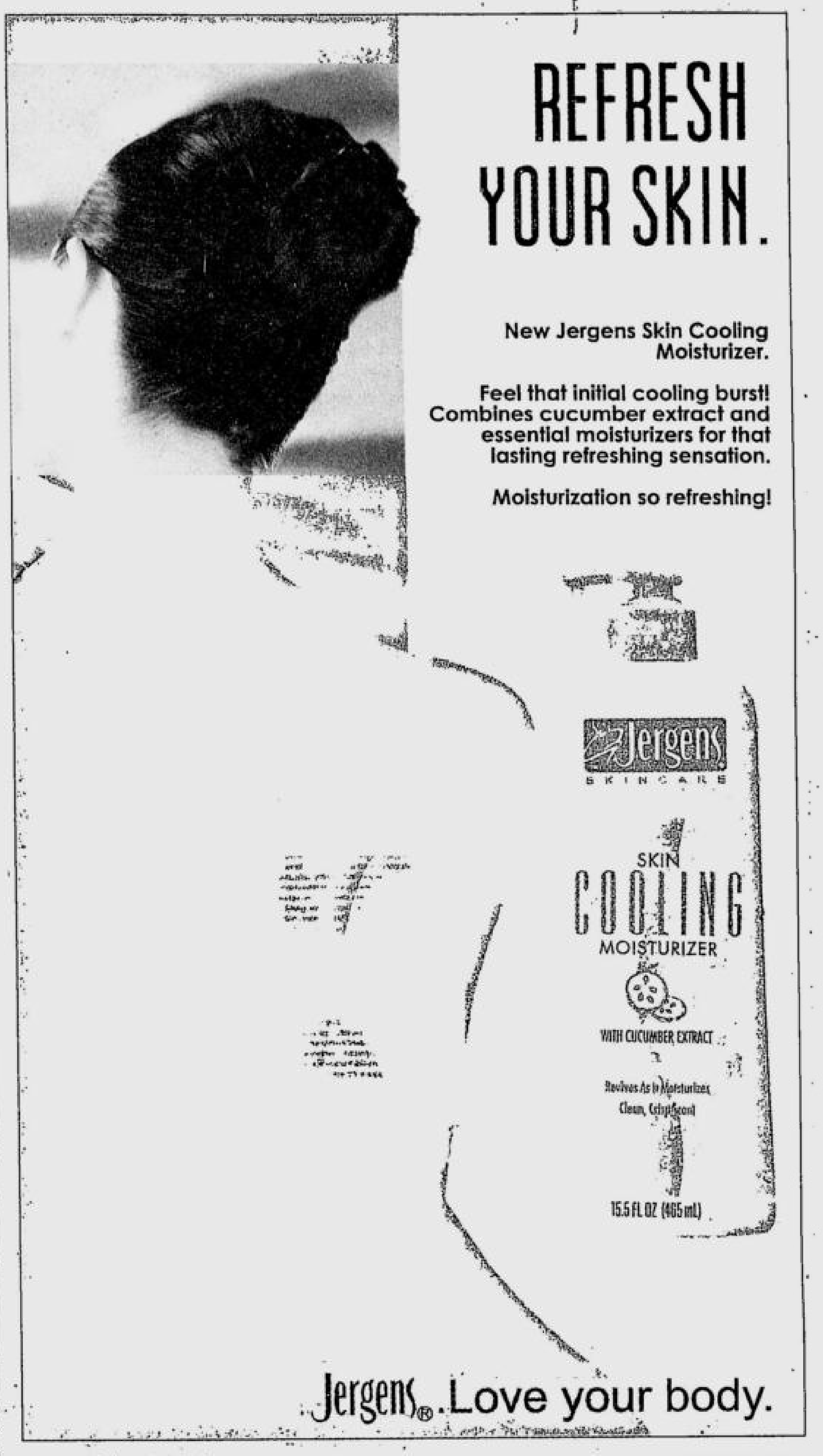
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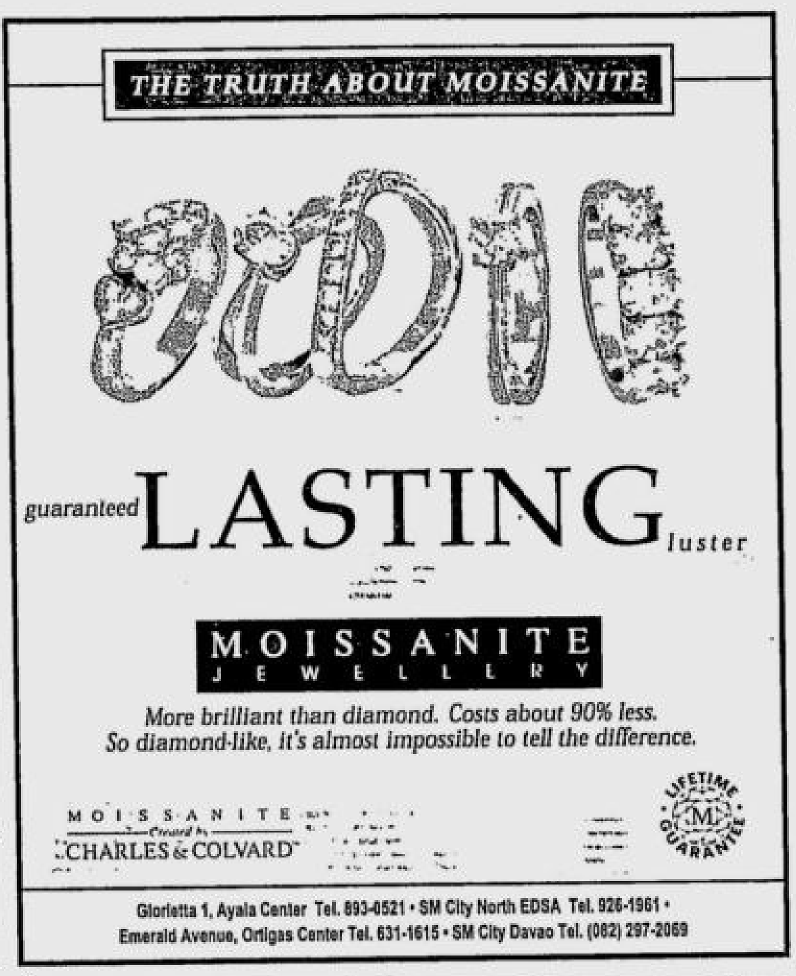
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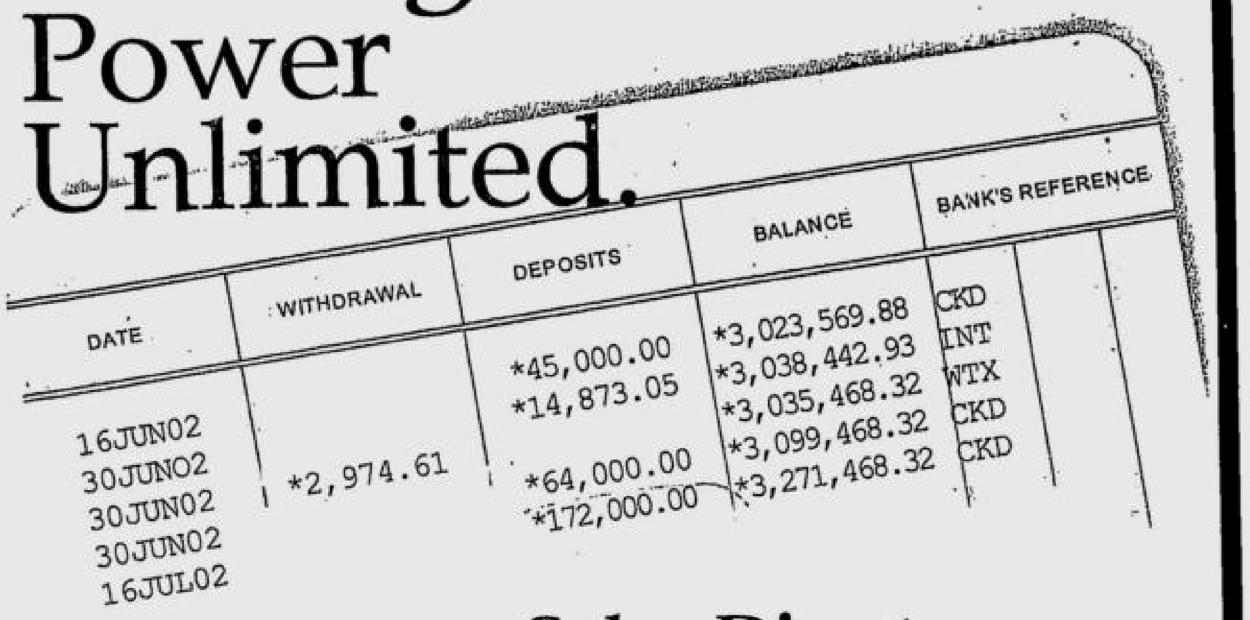

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- PC troubleshooting (Hardware and Software)
- With six months experienced in the following:
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  - Data Communication

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- ✓ Responsible for handling customer inquiries and extend technical services to marketing and other units;
- ✓ Food Technology graduates. Post- graduates degree or units in related technical fields preferred.

### Market Researcher (Code: MKR)

- ✓ Responsible for collecting & analyzing information & formulating marketing plan;
- ✓ Monitoring & evaluating competitive products & activities & other relevant measure of performance for existing products and market shares;
- ✓ BS Marketing Graduates or other related courses.

***Qualified applicants kindly send your comprehensive resume (indicating your salary, contact numbers, and the position code) together with a copy of your transcript of records and 2 x 2 colored picture to:***

The **Administrative Manager**
1052 Edsa Magallanes Village, Makati City 1232
Email: mfg-techsvs@fiesta-brands.com

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**Personnel Department**
Box KA-021-02 PM
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Classified Ads Division
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636 T.M. Kalaw St.,
Ermita, Manila

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## REALTY & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

is in need of the following personnel:

### (1) PROJECT MANAGER

**with qualification such as:**

- ➢ Licensed Civil Engineer
- ➢ 25-35 years old
- ➢ computer literate with proficiency in AutoCAD design
- ➢ with experience on low-cost/mass housing projects
- ➢ willing to be assigned in provincial projects within
- ➢ Central/Southern Luzon

### (2) CHIEF FOREMAN

- ➢ Will be working closely with the Project Manager
- ➢ Willing to be assigned in provincial projects within
- ➢ Central/Southern Luzon

Interested parties may send resumé at Unit 1007 ALC Gold Tower, Emerald Ave., cor. Garnet Rd. Ortigas Center, Pasig City or call (02) 634-8856/687-4449. Interview by appointment, look for Marisol de la Paz.

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## Whirlpool HOME APPLIANCES

Is currently in need of qualified personnel to fill in the position of:

### Service Technician

Male not more than 35 years old
At least a graduate of any 2 year Technical course like refrigeration, airconditioning, or electronics
Background on repair of imported appliance an advantage
Presentable with good communication skills
Must have driver's license

### Accounting Assistant

Female not more than 28 years old
Graduate of any 4 year business course
Background on cost accounting an advantage
Must be knowledgeable in computer applications
Fresh graduates with good scholastic records are welcome to apply.

Interested applicants should submit their resumé, transcript of records and NBI clearance at

**Excellence Appliance Tech., Inc.**
**22 D. Tuazon St., Q.C.**
**Tel.: 732-0429**
**email address: sales@exatech.com.ph**
**Qualified applicants will be scheduled for an interview.**

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## ARTISTS

☑ Male, between 21-30 years old
☑ Fine Arts or Interior Design graduate
☑ With creative skills in drawing, lettering, silk screening, flower arranging, etc.
☑ Willing to work beyond working hours

## BEAUTY THERAPISTS

☑ Female, between 21-28 years old
☑ 5'2" and above in height
☑ With pleasing personality and clear complexion
☑ Graduate of Nursing or Physical Therapy
☑ With good communication skills
☑ Preferably near Alabang area

## BEAUTY CONSULTANTS

☑ Female, between 21-28 years old
☑ Graduate of any (4) four-year Business related course
☑ At least 5'2" in height with pleasing personality and clear complexion
☑ Preferably with skin care experience/Cosmetology and Make-up Artist skills
☑ Good in oral communication skills

## SALES ASSOCIATES

(For Holiday Season)

☑ Female, between 21-28 years old
☑ Graduate of any (4) four-year Business related course
☑ At least 5'2" in height with clear complexion
☑ Must have initiative, ability and sustained interest in selling
☑ Must possess a pleasing and dynamic personality
☑ Good in oral communication skills

## FINANCIAL SUPERVISOR

☑ Between 21-35 years old
☑ Accounting graduate, computer literate
☑ Must be results-oriented and highly analytical
☑ Preferably with related work experience
☑ Willing to work beyond regular office hours

Interested applicants may apply personally to:

**RUSTAN'S HEAD OFFICE**
G/F Rustan Building, EDSA, Mandaluyong City
(near Ortigas fly-over, across Corinthian Garden in EDSA)
Applicants may be accommodated from Monday to Thursday
between 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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# HELP WANTED

**VALLEY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, INC.**
need a

## GENERAL MANAGER

and

## GOLF SUPERINTENDENT

**to manage the golf courses and its facilities and to administer activities of the Club.**

*Minimum qualification requirements are as follows:*

**General Manager** must be male, 35/45 years old, and college degree holder with 5 to 10 years managerial experience. Must be service oriented and possess strong inter-personal relations with both staff and general membership.

**Golf Superintendent** must be 30/45 years old, bachelor degree holder in Engineering or in turf management, horticulture, golf courses operation or landscape architecture. Has previous experience or basic knowledge on turf and equipment maintenance, golf course operation and management. Possess good management skills and interpersonal relations. Must be able to communicate both in English and Pilipino, has knowledge of DENR laws and regulations affecting golf course operations and must be a Certified Golf Course Superintendent or equivalent.

**Applicants must submit resumés to the**
**Administration Committee, Valley Golf & Country Club, Inc.**
**Antipolo City, not later than 10 August 2002**

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# YOU MAY BE WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR!

## ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE & SALES COORDINATOR

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## COMPUTER GRAPHIC ARTIST

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## HR ASSISTANT

Psychology,Behavioral Science or Management graduate, good scholastic records, male or female, experience required.

*Applicants must be energetic and enthusiastic, comfortable with decision making, and must be pro-active. Confidence in communicating in oral and written English is a requisite.*

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# Vignet® Construction

**The largest manufacturer of uPVC Windows and Doors, is in need of the following personnel:**

## ACCOUNTANT

- BS in Accountancy Graduate / CPA
- Preferably Female not more than 38 years Old
- At least 2 years Experience in Accounting and Auditing
- Strong background in cash/fund management, budget and financial control/ reporting.
- Computer literate / proficient in using Microsoft Office (Excel & Word)
- Willing to work in Manila and Bataan
- English Speaking / with pleasing personality

## SALES REPRESENTATIVE

- Male/Female not more than 35 years old
- With 2 years Proven track record of selling uPVC windows, and doors
- Pleasing personality with good presentation, negotiation and closing skills
- Fluent in verbal and written communication skills; excellent customer service skills

Please send resumé with 2X2 photo at :
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- With at least 2-3 years experience in quality assurance (methodologies, standards, procedures, and policies) in an I.T. company
- With solid experience in writing and executing test plans and programs

### GraphicDesigners

- At least 2 years experience with working on high-impact multimedia presentations
- Should be able to present impressive portfolio
- Excellent creative skills in graphic design, layout and animation, color theory, as well as freehand illustration
- Must be adept with Photoshop
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- Extensive experience with ASP, MySQL, SQL, and DBMSs
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An established book publishing and printing company is in urgent need of highly qualified personnel for immediate posting as:

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Male. Age 30-40. Pleasing personality. Graduate of Psychology, preferably with Diploma/MA units in Human Resources Management. Knowledgeable in Labor Law. With 2 to 3 years experience in the same capacity. To handle all facets of HR function. Willing to work long hours. Superior human relations and communication skills is an advantage.

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Female, single/married. Age 30-35. Graduate of any business course. Highly sociable. Adept in handling all facets of store operations, including marketing. Experience in branch management of at least one year is a definite plus. Possesses a very good sense of responsibility. With ability to implement company policies and regulations. Willing to be assigned in Cainta.

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Male. Age 27-35. Graduate of any business related course. With experience in promotion of books, encyclopedias and other educational materials. Willing to perform field work. Above average coordination skill with branch Supervisors and other company's stakeholders. With mature disposition.

## BOOKKEEPER

Female, single. Age: 25-30. Graduate of Accountancy. Proficient in bookkeeping job and with one year experience gained from a medium-size company. Resident of Cainta and Cavite.

## SALESCLERK

Female, single and with pleasing personality. Age 23-28. Graduate of any business related course. With work experience of at least one year as Salesclerk and/or Office Assistant. Good in interpersonal relations. Resident of Cainta.

This is an immediate requirement, apply personally at
**THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**
84-86 P. Florentino Street, Sta. Mesa Heights, Quezon City
Please bring your resumé with brief description of your work experience, transcript of record and 2x2 picture.

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## EDP SUPERVISOR

- Female, must be a computer course graduate
- At least one year solid background in programming (specifically Clippers/Delphi)
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## ACCOUNTANT

- Female
- Must be Accounting graduate
- Willing to work under pressure
- With at least one year working experience

## MARKETING OFFICER

- Female
- Marketing graduate
- Aggressive and results-oriented
- With marketing experience

Interested applicants may submit or send your resumé at:

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- preferably single
- good moral character
- computer literate
- willing to work long hours

### MARKETING ASSISTANTS

- with sales experience
- college graduate from any reputable school
- female, 23-30 yrs. old
- pleasing personality
- preferable single
- good moral standing
- computer literate
- willing to work long hours

### FLORAL ARTISTS

- male or female
- experience in same or related industry preferred
- singles preferred but the highly qualified marrieds will be considered
- high school graduate
- willing to work long hours

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Come for an interview and bring 2x2 colored photos (2pcs.), Resume, Certificate of Residency, NBI and Police Clearances at 19 Examiner St. West Triangle, Q.C. from July 22-26(except Wed.), 10am-12nn and 1-4pm.

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**fax: (632) 892-4087**
**post: P.O. Box 4597, MCPO, Makati City**

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The **PEACE AND EQUITY FOUNDATION** is a non-stock, non-profit organization committed to the vision of a poverty-free society. It is a funding mechanism that seeks to support projects that address poverty, inequity and structural injustice in rural and urban poor communities.

The Foundation is searching for qualified and committed individuals who are willing and able to make a difference in other people's lives by actively participating in the Foundation's pursuit of its mission. If you believe you meet our requirements, we invite you to be a part of our team.

## FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICE MANAGER

**The Task**
Reporting to the Deputy Executive Director, ensures the effective and efficient management of the financial, human and physical resources of the Foundation; implements financial, personnel and other administrative policies and procedures and ensures that the Foundation's assets increase in value over time. Assists in the development of a proactive financial and human resource management strategies in line with the foundation' vision, mission and goals.

**The Requirements**
Must be a Certified Public Accountant with a master's degree or 10 years equivalent experience, 3 years of which, preferably in a managerial capacity, related to operations management, human resource management, financial management and organizational development. A team player and can maintain good relationship with the supervisors and staff and the foundation's public. Good negotiating skills, good verbal, written communication skills, good presentation and facilitating skills.

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### (to be based in Cebu and in Davao and/or Zamboanga)

**Tha Task**
Reporting to the Program Manager, evaluates project proposals and/or assists the Program Manager in reviewing the consultant's evaluation of project proposals in his/her area of assignment in accordance with the overall strategy, policy and guidelines set by the Executive Director/Board of Trustees; assesses project implementation status and recommends solutions to technical, administrative and policy issues arising from strategy implementation, provides technical assistance in institution building, project development, management, monitoring and evaluation.

**The Requirements**
Holds a college degree in Business, Social Science, Entrepreneurship, Economics, Development Management or related field; preferably with Master's units. At least 5 years experience, two of which in a supervisory capacity, in any or all of the following:

CO, IB, Micro-enterprise Development, Micro finance. With good supervisory, negotiating and facilitating skills, good verbal and written communication skills and can relate well with all levels of staff and partners.

Please forward your resumé, transcript of records and photo not later than August 2, 2002 to:

**THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
**Peace and Equity Foundation**
**Rm. 216, Institute of Social Order**
**Ateneo de Manila University Complex**
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- At least 28 years old
- Graduate of Architecture or other related courses
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### GRAPHIC DESIGNERS

- Graduate of Fine Arts, Major in Advertising
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- Proficient in QuarkExpress or Freehand

### EDITORIAL ASSISTANTS

- Graduate of Journalism or other related courses
- At least 2 years experience in editorial work
- Excellent editing and writing skills

### PHOTO EDITORS

- Graduate of Fine Arts or other related courses
- Preferably with experience in architectural photography

### ADVERTISING MANAGER

- Graduate of Marketing or MassComm
- With at least 2 years experience in sales

### MARKETING OFFICERS

- Graduate of Marketing or MassComm
- At least 2 to 3 years experience in an ad agency conceptualizing and executing market plans

### MARKETING ASSISTANTS

- Not more than 30 years old
- Graduate of Marketing or MassComm
- At least 1 to 2 years experience in marketing

### EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

- At least 2 years experience in office management
- Highly organized with proven leadership, analytical, and people mgt skills

### GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER

- Not more than 30 years old
- At least 2 years experience in purchasing records retention and materials management

*Interested parties may hand carry or mail their comprehensive resumé with recent photo to:*

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# WANTED

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- Tested and proven salesman of insurance, real estate, pre-need plans, encyclopedias, memorial parks, etc.
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- Computer literate

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- Preferably a graduate from Ateneo, UP or San Beda
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- Excellent in written and oral communication skills
- Computer literate

## (1) EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

- Male/Female, 24-35 years old
- Aggressive with pleasing personality
- College graduate from reputable university/college
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- One Female and One Male
- Single
- Preferably Chinese Speaking
- Preferably CPA

**TECHNICAL & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS**
- 1 Industrial Engineering Graduate
- 1 Graduate of Economics or Business Administration
- Female, single
- At least 1 to 2 years working experience
- Computer Proficient
- Good communication skills

**EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS**
- 3 Graduates of Marketing or Business Administration
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- At least 1 to 2 years Experience
- Computer Proficient
- Good communication skills

**PROJECT MANAGER**
- Licensed Civil Engineers
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- At least 35-40 years old

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- With at least 2 years Experience

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- Male / Graduate of Computer Science, BSECE or any related IT course
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- Preferably with experience in network design, installation and maintenance.

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- M/F, Computer Science graduate
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Bring resumé and other credentials.

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(Temporary Assignment Only)

- ○ Male/Female, 21-35 years old
- ○ Must be a REGISTERED NURSE
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- ○ Place of Assignment: Quezon City Head Office

### SAFETY ENGINEER

- ○ Male, 21-25 years old; graduate of Engineering course: EE/ME/ChE.
- ○ Preferably with 2-3 years work experience as Safety Engineer/Officer and with exposure to Basic Occupational Safety and Health rules and regulations
- ○ Place of Assignment: Bulacan

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- ✓ Willing to start immediately (not presently employed or enrolled)
- ✓ Fluent in English or Chinese
- ✓ With pleasing personality

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## Erly de Guzman

# In Search of Juan D' Great

*Through the ambitious Galing Pilipino Movement, consummate businesswoman Erly de Guzman wants to prove that instilling excellence and pride in the Filipino is no quixotic quest*

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**YOU can either live in a world all your own or change the one you live in. For successful businesswoman Erlinda "Erly" B. de Guzman, the choice was easy. The self-made de Guzman, now in her 40s, may exemplify just how much the persevering Filipino can achieve, but now she's looking to the business of making a difference beyond the bottom line.**

As founding president of the Galing Pilipino Movement (GPM), Erly believes that we can all make our country a better place by realizing we are a people capable of excellence. Before the cynics among us accuse her of covert motives or embarking on a quixotic quest, de Guzman makes her own commitment clear. She has devoted herself full-time to the GPM Foundation, Inc., dreaming that the Filipino is capable of recognizing the greatness within him. "They just all have be reminded and recognized," Erly states. "It's getting to their values and building on strengths."

Born in Manila to lawyer Prudencio de Guzman and wife Luisa, Erly was the eldest of six children. Throughout her school years, Erly did well enough but excelled in extra-curricular activities, taking on leadership roles easily at the College of the Holy Spirit. Even at home, she was the quintessential *ate*. "My family owned a hospital in Bicol and I spent my summers helping out there," she recalls. That originally led her to ponder a career in medicine, and Erly seemed to be heading in that direction when she passed the entrance examination at the University of the Philippines. "I thought I was going to be a doctor. But my parents wanted me to go to an all-girls school, so I stayed at Holy Spirit." She wanted to make her parents proud in college and did just that, graduating summa cum laude with a degree in Psychology.

The secret to her well-rounded student life? "Self-discipline." After class hours, she would play volleyball ("You need some way of using up that energy"). When she came home, she wouldn't study. Instead, she would take a shower, eat and then sleep. Then she would get up at one in the morning to work on her studies. She would sleep again at four, get up at six ("for one more run through the readings") and then go to school. This was the routine she crafted: "I used every break for one type of organization. The five days were for school. Saturdays were for socials: boys. And Sundays were for family. A balanced life."

Recalling that business ran in their blood as well (her grandparents were entrepreneurs), Erly got involved with social

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outreach programs, for which funds and logistics had to be raised—a calling that Erly found herself to be quite good at. "I got quite a kick out of that." By the time she finished, Erly wanted to take one year to decide whether or not she would go into business or medicine. "That's when I thought, maybe I'm better off doing business because I'm able to help much earlier on."

For her first job, Erly joined a fledgling company, John Clements Consultants, in 1977, thinking she could rise faster. Applying her relentless work ethic, proven discipline and boundless creativity, Erly moved swiftly up the corporate ladder, and soon moved on to other companies. Since then, she has worked for companies big and small in various capacities, rising to become New Business Development Manager of the Avon Group of Companies and vice president for Corporate Marketing and Corporate Real Estate for San Miguel Properties Philippines, Inc. In that time, Erly has stuck her finger in everything from strategic planning and operations to training and market research. She has even been president of the Philippine Marketing Association. All this she did with a remarkable flexibility, fierce determination and the ability to think outside the box.

It's the challenge that makes her leap from one company to another. "I leave when I feel that my mission's done," she explains. It was a different mission she was heading for, however.

It was when she was vice president for Regional Marketing for the Christian Broadcasting Network Asia, Inc., that she found herself back in the role of reaching out to the less fortunate. The network's "Operation Blessing," spearheaded by Erly, was a palpable effort to help others. It began in 1999, when Erly came in from Sri Lanka to find Virac, Catanduanes badly hit by a typhoon. "It was our way of helping where there was the greatest need." Using her contacts, Erly put together a shipment of foodstuff and medicine to the affected areas. "There's such a wealth of goodwill in this country! Why does it take a disaster to bring it out? Can't we be more proactive? Can't we do it year round?" Shortly after, Erly got involved with Habitat for Humanity Phils., the international NGO that helps build houses for the underprivileged. Before she knew it, Erly was President and CEO in 2000.

"After my stint with Habitat, I had two offers to work abroad. It was something I hadn't done yet." After a brief stay in the United States, she returned to the Philippines to "clean up" and finish some final commitments. "It was then that it dawned on me: What happens to those who don't have the opportunities I had?" Ever mindful of finding ways to help effect change in her home turf, she believed that perhaps by staying, she could be part of the country's long-term solution to its many problems.

What came out of that was GPM, the foundation that was registered this year. "We keep using the word '*Galing*' to define excellence. I latched on to that idea." In essence, GPM is a multi-pronged, private sector civic movement that seeks to recognize what is great and excellent in the Filipino. It's an ambitious plan that involves everything, from such simple campaigns as handing stickers of recognition to everyday achievers (such as a courteous salesperson, perhaps, or a conscientious bus conductor) whose names will be entered into a Galing Pilipino database, to paying tribute to them on TV show. It will involve newsletters, workshops, giving awards to business networks, all focused on the idea of Filipino greatness. "If you start translating that excellence into measurable standards, it can work." The GPM Foundation coordinates the disparate parts of this web of recognition.

Demanding, driven but also highly persuasive and charismatic, Erly has managed to bring together 50 founding members, many of them successful business people like herself, to begin putting the GPM Foundation's, well, foundation in place. "They were friends and business associates who believed in the vision."

Erly was the first to put her money in the non-stock, non-profit organization, and admits "this is a big dent in my savings, as I have been living on my savings for the past three years. It's not like I have the money to splurge." That's how much she believes in it. She emphasizes that GPM is far from some abstract pie-in-the-sky plan. "I want it to have legs, I want it to have heart—I don't want it to be propaganda or advocacy only." Erly adds that even it takes an entire generation to get the idea of "Galing Pilipino," then she is most happy to lay down the roots for a "Galing Generation."

In many ways, she is a teacher of leaders. "I love teaching, but I haven't indulged in it until this year." This former Assistant Director of the Ateneo Graduate School of Business (she holds an MBA from the school) teaches at the De La Salle Graduate School.

Though she does devote much of her time to GPM, Erly does not forget to have fun. Still single ("I've worked hard to become a pearl of a prize, and I'm still looking for a treasure-hunter"), Erly says "there's so much to do": spend time with friends, swim, go ballroom-dancing, cook and work with other organizations.

GPM is now at the takeoff stage, and it needs members, logistics and volunteers. A diverse set of companies and individuals have already come around to join GPM. Apparently, Erly's dream has begun to take root. "There's a poverty of vision in the country." In many ways, Erly has put up her own career as collateral for this movement, sacrificing her time and money for a cause she believes in. It's a formula that makes sense—and a difference, in Erly's mind. "I really, really think this can work."

There's also a faith dimension to the work, a personal faith that Erly practices through her lifestyle. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and all of these shall be added unto you." That's the verse Erly quotes on how God takes care of us. "You need to have an inspiration beyond what you see and what you feel. I believe the Lord has a big plan for this country." GPM might also mark the hopeful final stop for this itinerant corporate crusader, as she fully intends to devote everything she's got to GPM. "I don't think I'll ever be done here. But if it is my last stop, then I'll be glad."

For Erly de Guzman, planting the seeds for the Galing Pilipino Movement is her way of spreading beyond the spreadsheets and putting that red and black ink to better use. "It resonates with me, and I can't let it go until I know I've gotten this job done."

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## HIGH ON NILO

I was really inspired by the article published in the Sunday Inquirer about Dr. Nilo Rosas ("In the Eye of the Storm," SIM, 9 June 2002). I am happy to know that Dr. Rosas in now the new president of my alma mater, the Philippine Normal University. His humble beginnings made me realize that life isn't that hard if we have a clear vision and dreams in life. I am happy also because of the development I noticed since Dr. Rosas assumed presidency. Previously ignored nooks at PNU have been turned into scenic gardens and landscapes. And one thing I really like with Dr. Rosas is that he finds time to go around PNU and talk with students despite his busy schedule.

In the almost five years that I spent at PNU as an undergraduate student, I was also writing for The Torch, our official student publication. I know that the people at The Torch and the department-based newsletters are among those who have been eagerly working to see desirable changes at PNU. I hope that Dr. Rosas will also support the writers at PNU, especially its creative writers so that PNU will not only be known for its textbook writers but also for talented creative ones.

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## BRAVO VSO

Your Pinoy Connection piece ("Going Where Angels Fear to Tread," SIM, 14 July 2002)is a timely piece. The day before, the Lawrence Trust Fund for Volunteer Efforts Recognition Award was presented to the first honoree, Jocelyn Quiaoit-Bae. We hope that through your column and the Sunday Inquirer Magazine, this piece of information would generate interest in the sacrifices of our countless and faceless social development and community volunteers.

On another note, may we know how to contact Ms Penny Lawrence, head of the overseas division of the United Kingdom-based Volunteer Services Organization? We have began the search for the second honoree/s of the Lawrence Trust Fund for Volunteer Efforts Recognition Award.

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## Poetry

### Davao

bird-song name,
inspires a memory
of perfume-scent
left in my hand
after we danced.
She asked
when I would be back
and I answered
I did not know.
This day on
I suppose
there would be nothing
left but a grammar
of messages
misspelled
between us,
2day I hope
dis made u smile,
God bless ur day ü,
voices broken
by distance.
If only language
could roll beautifully
over the tongue
of the ocean,
there would be no need
for ciphers,
for the wind
to mishandle our whispers,
for us to unravel
the shyness
beneath our symbols,
or madness
over a single moment
left in one's hands.

**Earl Arceño**

### Pamela

Kapwa tayo hubad
at katabi kita ngayon.

Ang iyong balat
ay alon na sumasalpok
sa batuhan.

Sa iyong titig
nagmumula ang hamog
na nagbabalot ng asukal
sa balat ng bungangkahoy
ng mahabang tag-araw.

May lagablab na nakadapo
sa magkahiwalay na rehiyon
ng iyong dibdib.

Sa ibabaw ng ilog ng iyong puson
ay naroon ang iyong mga kamay,
nagtatampisaw na mga mangingibig.

Kapwa tayo hubad
at katabi kita ngayon.
Nandiyan ang iyong katawan,
naghahain ng tamis, alat, lamig,
at apoy na tutupok sa magdamag.

**Danilo R. dela Cruz, Jr.**

### Panunuyo ng Kidlat

Nanuyo itong kidlat
Kaya gabi'y nabutas
At nagtulos ng talim
Sa himbing na lupain.

Pigtas-pigtas ang sapot
Nang pasukin ang sulok
At inalis sa dahon
Ang maraming pagsibol.

Mabilis na pinilas
Ang pader, nagkapilat.
Nang pumutok ang tanglaw
Sa poste, naramdamang

Ang kanyang panunuyo'y
Isang sugatang puso.

**Enrico C. Torralba**

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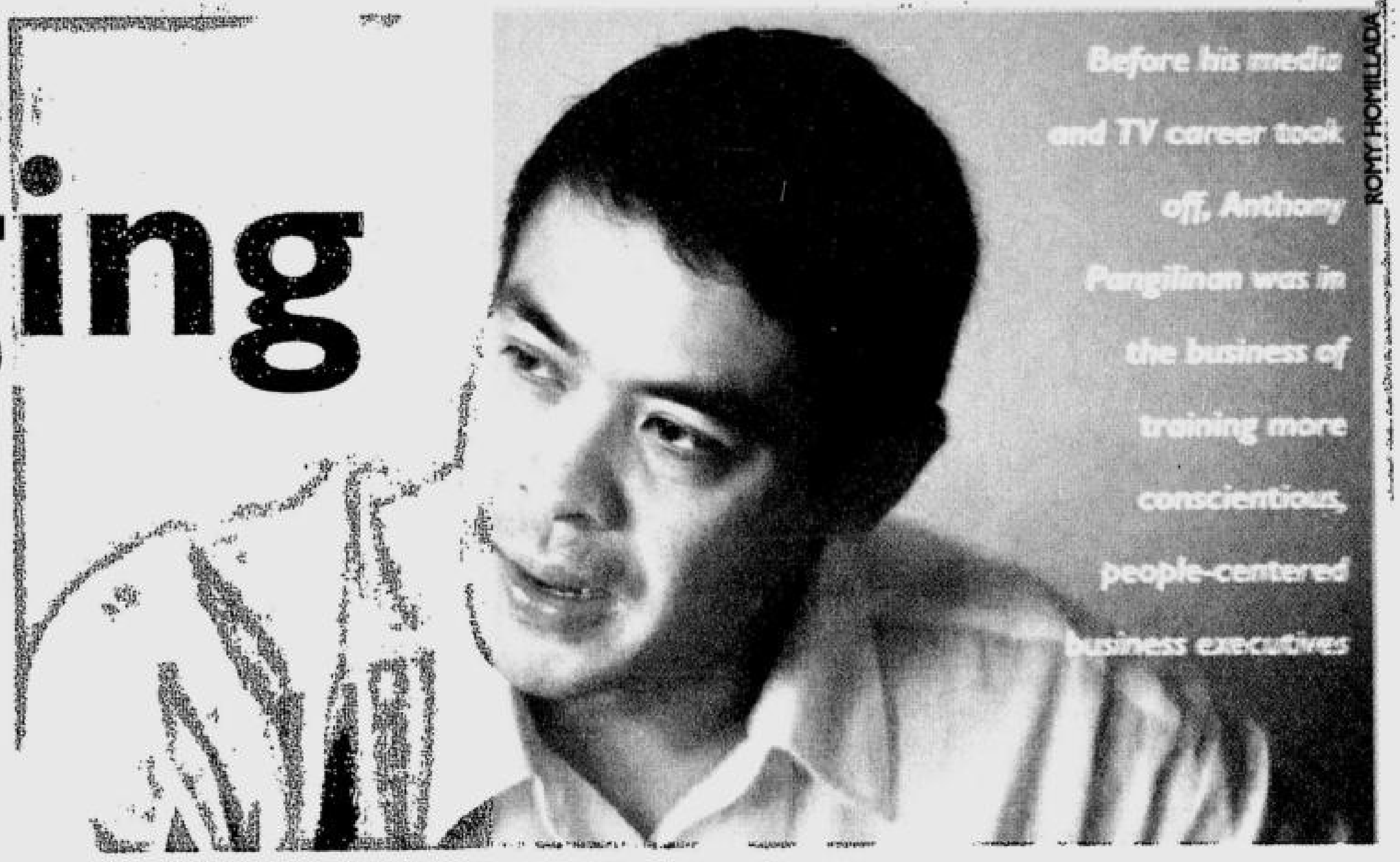
**Businesswatch**
*By Tinna S. Bonifacio*

# Managing by Principles



Before his media and TV career took off, Anthony Pangilinan was in the business of training more conscientious, people-centered business executives

ROMY HOMILLADA

**HE is otherwise known as the brother of Angeli and Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan, the brother-in-law of Gary Valenciano, Sharon Cuneta, and Leo Martinez, a cousin of Candy Pangilinan and the husband of Maricel Laxa.**

Aside from his showbiz connections, Anthony Pangilinan has made his own mark in television. He dishes out the news nightly on IBC-13's "*Ronda* 13." Before that, he was part of the morning show "Wake Up Call" and ABC-5's "The Big News." He has also hosted countless beauty pageants, from Binibining Pilipinas to Mutya ng Pilipinas and Miss Asia-Pacific.

But Pangilinan is actually a late-bloomer in showbiz. Long before he faced the cameras, he had a flourishing career as management trainer, whose company, BusinessWorks Inc., conducts seminars and workshops for some of the country's biggest companies. Among his clients are Citibank, ABS-CBN, Avon Cosmetics, Caltex Philippines, Microsoft Philippines, GlobeTelecom, Far Eastern University, the Ateneo Graduate School of Business, the House of Representatives and the Department of Finance.

Anthony designed his training programs using simple, time-honored techniques. His basic premise: If the employees are properly trained and motivated, they will be happy. If they are happy, they will work hard. If they work hard, the company's bottom line improves, and everyone benefits.

The formula sounds simple, but it works. "Basically, we troubleshoot companies. It's like being the company doctor. You diagnose what's wrong with the company, and try to fix it," explains Anthony, who has been in this line of work for 12 years, longer than he has been a media and showbiz personality.

It's a career that he has prepared for since high school when he started distinguishing himself for his people skills and leadership. He graduated from La Salle high school as student council president, a debate gold medalist, a CMLI (Children's Museum and Library, Inc.) national officer, and a Gerry Roxas and St. La Salle Leadership awardee—all these while managing to stay in the upper 15 percent of his class in academic achievement.

In college, Anthony became UP student council representative under the Samasa party, and was a batch leader of the Upsilon Sigma Phi fraternity. He was also the national president of AIESEC (Association Internationale des Etudiants en Sciences Economiques et Commerciales), and was voted World President of AIESEC International in 1987, becoming only the second Filipino to hold the post. Anthony had to take a two-year leave from his studies at UP to attend to his AIESEC duties, which included supervising local chapters in some 600 universities in 64 countries. It was his first lesson in running a corporation and managing people. AIESEC—with students of all races working together—was a multinational company in miniature.

"It was worth it, because I learned a lot," he reflects. "I learned how to deal with people and the value of developing good interpersonal relations. I realized that in an organization like AIESEC—and in any company—there is so much potential that is unleashed when people learn how to communicate effectively."

Anthony is also learning a lot from his own mini-corporation: his four kids Ella, Donny, Hannah and Benjamin, the youngest, who is less than a year old.

What's the connection?

"A lot of the issues people deal with at work are home-based," he points out. "A major issue that influences people's performance at work is the issue of career and family balance. If you're not able to achieve balance in those two areas, you get stressed, and that affects not just the way you perform at work but also how you feel about your job. Eventually, that hits your self-es-

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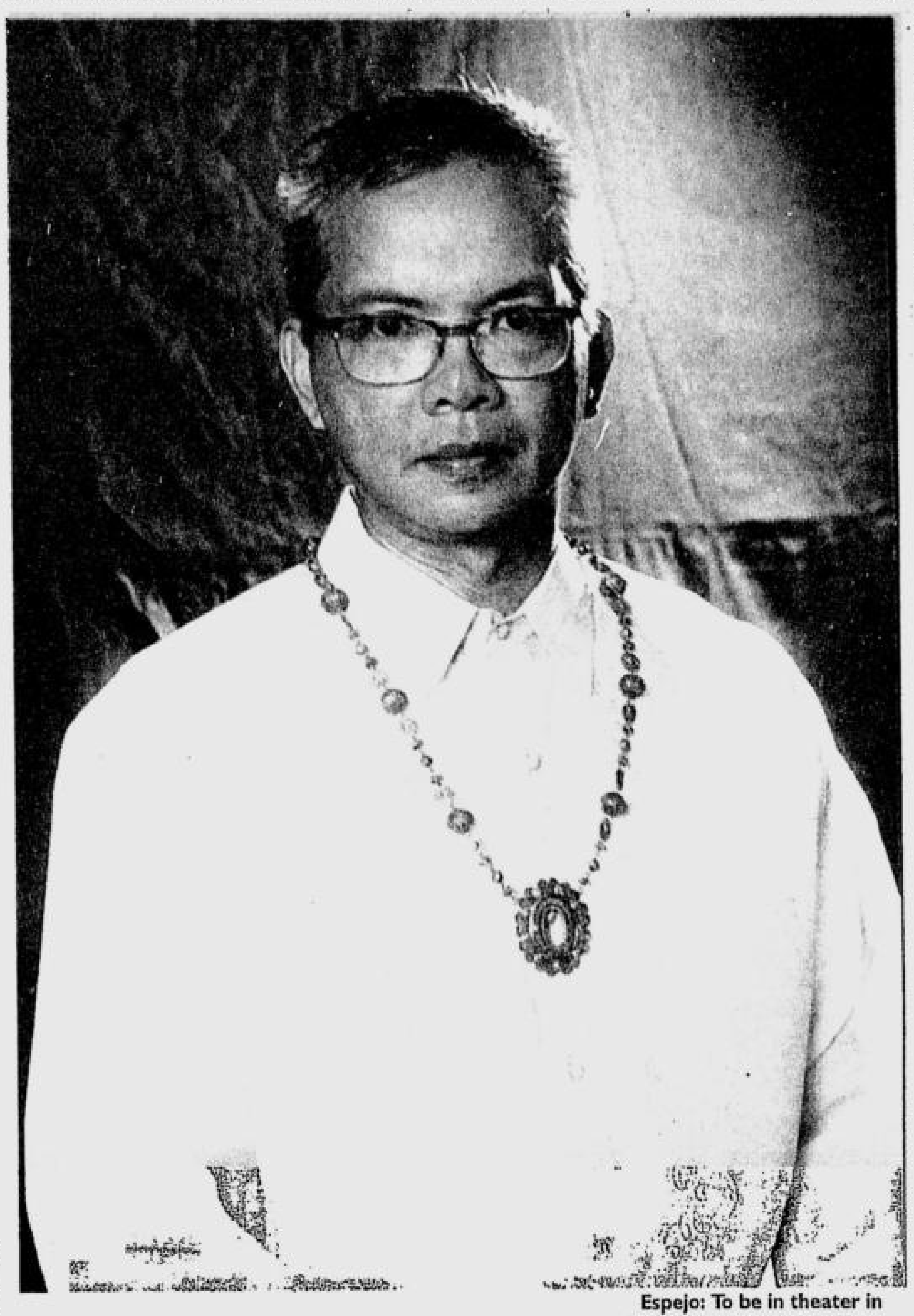
## Theater Tales

*By Tony Espejo*

# My View of the Stage

*As Bulwagang Gantimpala marks its 25th anniversary, its artistic director reflects on the drama of a life lived onstage*



Espejo: To be in theater in these times is a challenge to the Filipino artist

**TO BE a theater artist in the Philippines today is to stand at the center of a scene that doesn't cease to excite—and to challenge—both artist and audience.**

This artist considers himself particularly fortunate for the vantage point from which he looks at and works in this scene.

You see, it has been a full 25 years since I first came on board as founding and artistic director of what was then known as Bulwagang Gantimpala, a theater group that called the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) its home; it was there that we saw just-read but prize-winning literary pieces come to life onstage at the intimate Bulwagan Laboratory Theater. And then the grand old Metropolitan Theater became the unforgettable site of so many jampacked shows that saw endless lines of uniformed schoolchildren queuing up to see what was going to be "The Four Classics"—adaptations of the immortal *"Florante at Laura," "Ibong Adarna," "El Filibusterismo"* and *"Kanser (Noli Me Tangere)."*

Then, as now, I could only marvel at the unbeatable ability of theater to touch and catalyze its audience. The effect is immediate. It could be heartwarming; how many times, after all, did our marketing people hear wonderful comments like "Great!" and "The story really came to life!" from those satisfied teachers after a show? At times, the effect is less than sublime; in one instance, "*Florante at Laura*" had to halt a particularly stirring interpretation of its choreographed *batala* scene as frantic teachers and ushers rushed to stop two teenaged boys from different schools from staging their own fight scene in the audience area! To this day, the actors refuse to accept that they inspired that bit of improvisation.

The primary purpose for which Gantimpala or Bulwagang Gantimpala was started was to test the truthfulness of the answers to the question: Why are there very few Filipino plays being produced in the so-called "nationalistic" days of Martial Law? The answers were 1) there are no Filipino plays; 2) if ever they existed, these plays were so bad and 3) there is no audience for Filipino plays. But then, one afternoon, it happened. As is my habit on light days as CCP assistant technical director, I would go to the CCP library to do some reading, and lo and behold—what stood in front of me were bookshelves full of prizewinning plays from the annual CCP Literary Contest, left to the dust from 1969 till 1977 (the year I discovered this bookshelf). So, there you are, eight years of winning plays. At three winners per year, that's a good 24 plays waiting to be staged or at least two years of production on a monthly basis—so who says there are no Filipino plays? Whether they are good or bad remains to be seen—they have to be at least read first, or better yet, staged—albeit in a laboratory setting to lessen the cost, and to weed the bad from the tolerable.

How about the problem of audience? How can you expect an audience if there is nothing to watch? The history of Gantimpala Theater Foundation's 25 years belied all those answers to my rather naive question in 1977.

The media has belabored the point of why so many are scrambling for national positions in cultural agencies, when there is clearly no money in these agencies. Sure, these cultural agencies are always lacking in funds, but where they are amiss in budget, they make up for in perks—and one of them is free travel. Foreign governments, as part of their foreign relations and PR, offer cultural grants to other governments, and the CCP is deluged with invitations to visit their cultural counterparts in their respective countries. As a junior bureaucrat at the CCP, I was a recipient of numerous grants—you name it, I applied for it: a visiting study grant to theater companies and theater festivals in the USA, a British Council grant to the UK, setting up Filipino trade shows in Australia, Spain and Germany, accompanying cultural groups all over Europe, attending Asian and Asean conferences, etc.

Mia Gutierrez as Maria Clara and Tommy Abuel as Ibarra in GTF's classic production of "Kanser"

Gantimpala was invited to represent the Philippines at the first Asean Theater Festival in Taiwan. Here, together with Ms. Lucrecia Kasilag, we put together a sampling of Philippine theater by presenting excerpts of the *komedya "Prinsipe Rodante"* as a sample of traditional theater and the one-act "Ramona Reyes'*ng* Forbes Park" as a sample of modern-day writing. It served as a tribute to our OFWs, who, even as early as the '80s, were already a force to reckon with in Taiwan. After this festival, we had the honor of hosting the next Asean Theater Festival at the CCP.

The second time we represented the country was at the Brunei Asean Theater Festival, where we wowed our Asean audience with the English version of our children's tale "*Tiktipaklong.*" Because of this trip, we were invited by Singapore to join the first Singapore International Arts Festival (now dubbed as the major international arts festival in Asia, giving the Hong Kong Arts Festival a run for its money), but at that time, we were no longer at the CCP, and we found difficulty getting free roundtrip tickets without the blessings of the CCP. We did make it to the festival, but not before we begged, pleaded, offered our bodies in exchange for tickets. I told the company, "Whew, that's the last time we will accept an invitation tour without guarantee of tickets—after all, I only have one body to give!"

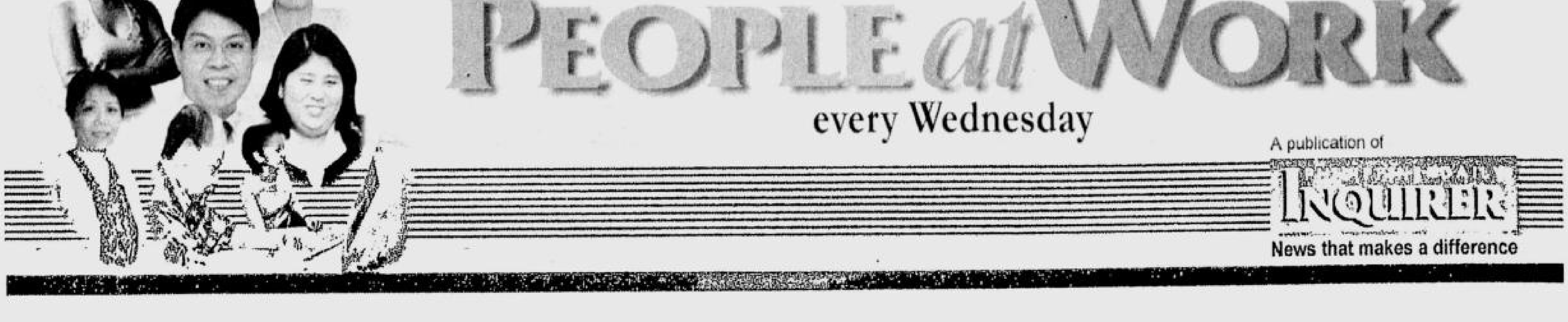
Today, our company *insists* on being known as GTF. Home is a real-life house in Tanguile Street in Makati where actors—some of them respected veterans from Bulwagan days, others fresh new talents who are increasingly familiar faces on TV and movie screens—continue to rehearse late into the night. Our venues are many: the AFP Theater, St. Cecilia's Hall, RFC Cinema (yes, a former moviehouse), to bring GTF productions to the Quezon City, Manila and South side, respectively.

The current choice of fare for the Manila theatergoer is almost limitless. From sophisticated contemporary material from the West (New Voice Company, Actor's Actor Inc., Repertory Philippines), to musicals both Pinoy and imported (Music Theater Philippines, Atlantis Productions), to original Filipino plays and world classics (Dulaang UP, PETA, Dramatis Personae, UP Shakespeare Company) and to children's musicals (Trumpets)—there is something for everyone.

The Filipino artist stands proud—and in theater, we shine. Not only our famous "Miss Saigon" compatriots, but professionals who quietly earn accolades as they work behind the scenes both here and abroad. GTF has seen the outstanding likes of Ed Murillo (the secret weapon of the country's top directors, who rely on Edmu to stage manage their shows) and Cristina Sison (who is now resident production stage manager in the world-famous Juilliard School in New York).

As for today's crazy times in Philippine politics and society, why did GTF score a hit with our recent "Doña Buding" shows? Obviously, actress Nanette Inventor and writer Jose Javier Reyes did not lack for material to satirize on stage!

Indeed, to be in theater in these trying, wonderful times is a blessing and a challenge to the Filipino artist. I bet GTF's next 25 years will bear me out on that.



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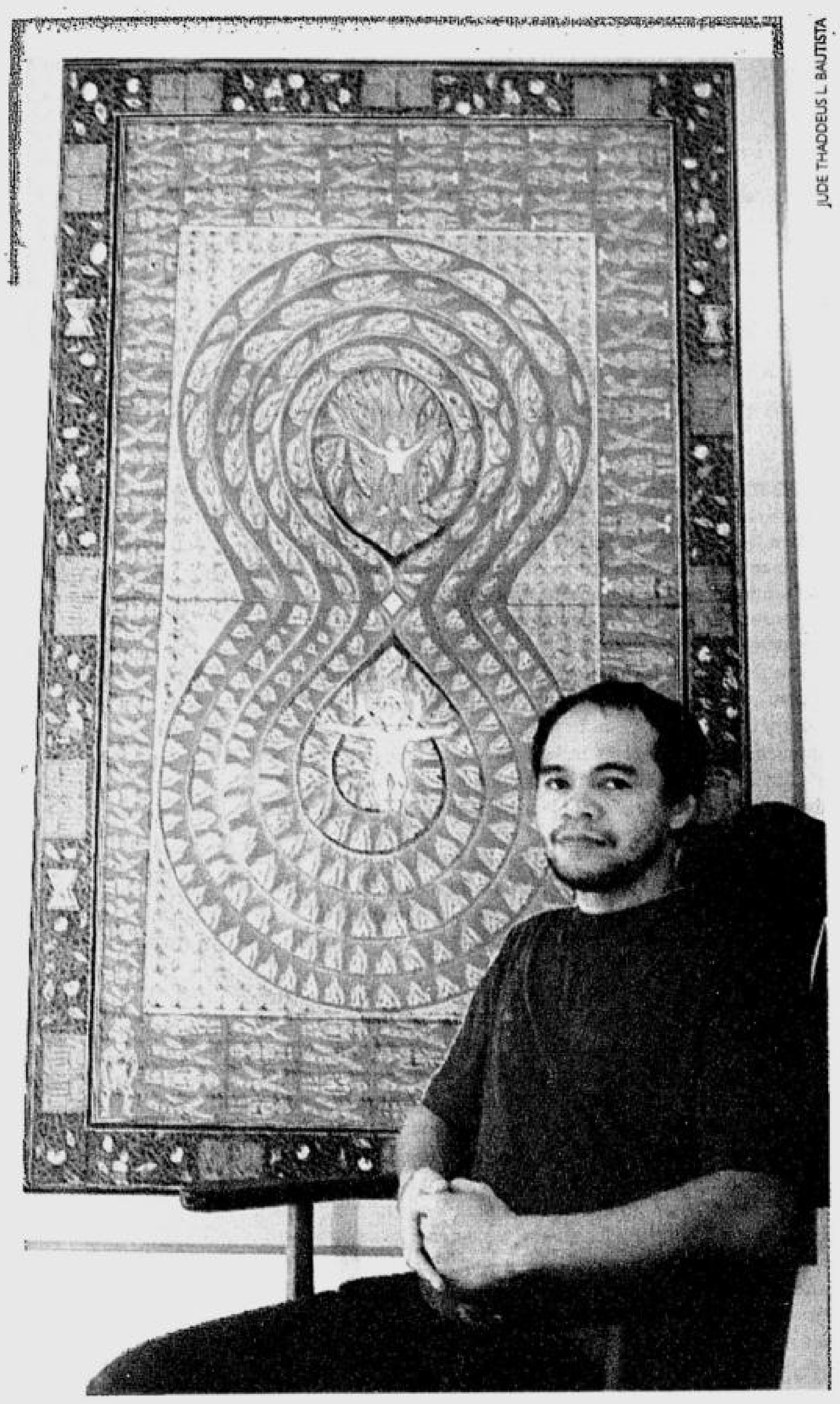
**Artwatch**
*By Gina Abuyuan-Llanes*

# Creative Commentaries



JUDE THADDEUS L. BAUTISTA

*Artist Leonard Aguinaldo's affinity for the mountain tribes is evident in his art, works of whimsical creativity as well as social realism*

**"I DON'T know how to describe it," Leonard Aguinaldo says sheepishly of his art. "Folk art?" We don't know how to describe it either. It's sweeping, striking, thought-provoking. It's tribal art and cartoons; it's cultural and social commentary; it's highly visual, and yet interactive. Leonard Aguinaldo is a man of many visions and interpretations. No wonder, then, that his work has been exhibited in France, Japan, Korea and Australia. His are the sort of images that, despite their indigenous themes, cross borders and inclinations.**

Maybe you'll be come up with your own descriptions when you visit his latest exhibit, "Creative Isolation," at the Hiraya Gallery, UN Avenue, which has been extended to Aug. 15. The 13 pieces on display are "the products of my isolation for a year," he says. "I just stayed at home, didn't go out with friends or interact with other artists."

For someone who spent a year by himself, the works are remarkably vibrant. He explains that they depict his everyday life; his own "experiences in relation to culture and the environment." It may sound mundane, but on canvas—or in Leonard's case, a rubber pad called Neolite—the images turn into stunning renditions of color, man, god, and beliefs. The *bulul*, the rice god of the mountain people, for example, is a recurring theme in his works. It's the signature that further emphasizes Aguinaldo's affinity with the Igorot and Ifugao, the original inhabitants of his native Baguio. Though the works may strike one as having Arabic, Moorish, or Indian influences, it is the people of the Cordillera that are Aguinaldo's strongest inspiration.

"I always tried to be one," he says wistfully, explaining his affection for the Igorot tribe. And in many aspects, having lived for many years among them, he is—except during special occasions such as weddings or funerals. "I long to be part of that. There's a purity in their culture that comes from not being colonized." This emotion is reflected in the very descriptively titled, "Dear God, Please Make Me Igorot," a *bulul* "flower" of swirly petals around a center that appears like the spokes of a wheel. A faceless man and woman stand in the lower corners, as if waiting to take upon the identities of anyone who wishes to enter the sacred circle.

"Cut Me a Prayer," meanwhile, features the figure of a *bulul* on the left, and a mirror in the cut-out of the figure on the right. The prayer is meant to return one to his culture; the four seeds in the middle symbolize a fresh beginning for whoever has the courage to ask for such enlightenment.

More than forever being lost and on the outside looking in, Aguinaldo's works also convey something more hopeful: In "Nature My Culture," the colonized and the free are both featured. A baby *bulul*, whose head is shaped like a Mickey Mouse hat, stands on the bottom portion of the piece, while a grown man stands above. A mirror in the center completes the picture when the viewer peers into it. They're to symbolize the intrusion of Western pop culture, the current—or personal—stage in our culture and society, and our eventual liberation, should we shake off the Mickey Mouse ears.

Aguinaldo can also turn whimsical, but still makes viewers aware of his culturally-inflected voice with "Dog's Life in a Man's Life." "This is a series," he explains. "It came from a personal experience. A policeman from our area ran over my dog without stopping or finding out what happened. My neighbors verified the fact that this cop was the one responsible. When I did my own investigation, I found out that this cop was extorting money in the *palengke* (market). He was even able to finance a passenger and delivery van/jeep business. Killing dogs on the street was nothing for him." The resulting artwork is highly illustrative of Philippine society; at first glance it's almost like a book illustration (which Aguinaldo also does for a living), but on second thought, it harbors a darker, deeper meaning. Our society is, yes, headed for the dogs.

A full time artist, the 34-year-old Aguinaldo has no formal training in art, save for some years in Architecture at Baguio Colleges Foundation. "I dropped out of school in '91. I was so bored with it. And I fell in love with art," he smiles. To support himself, he answered an ad in the local paper for an artist for a basket factory. Though a short stint, the job led him to meet up with the Baguio Arts Guild, where he was welcomed by homegrown biggies like BenCab, Santi Bose and Roberto Villanueva.

He started with watercolor, but moved on to creating works on handmade paper. This earned him his first solo exhibit at the CCP in 1994. "I knew that art and painting was what I wanted to do. Through the help of the Guild, I got booked at the CCP. That was my first major exposure. The fact that you could exhibit there was an achievement in itself." The exhibit was also mounted in Baguio, and led to invitations for the group from Korea and Japan.

"Creative Isolation" shows how Aguinaldo has evolved, in style, substance and material. His current works are sculpted on Neolite (the same material used for stamp pads), and colored with acrylic. The outer surface is painted with printer's ink. He also uses oil and metallic ink.

"Before, my art was about the preservation of culture," he reflects. "Now, it's also a search for one's roots." Like the way his art developed from being a mere hobby to a livelihood, it's undergoing its own course of experimentation and trials. You can almost feel it unfolding in the manner of the wheel of life, which the mandala—which some of his paintings resemble, and which is the name of his two-month-old son—represents. "It's an unconscious process. It just comes out this way," he says in Filipino. Without meaning to, "there's a message and a story in my art. It's about my search. I'm still not aware of where my journey will end. I don't know, maybe it will never end. Everything is still a discovery."

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**Bon Appetit**
*By Amando Doronila*

# Small Rediscoveries

*A compact microbrewery and a European deli within the same Makati orbit make stepping out for a meal worthwhile*

RUDY HOMILLADA

**The Europa Deli on Jupiter Street**

**SMALL restaurants have an appeal to those who seek a break from the teeming fastfood chains and the unaffordable five-star hotel restaurants that play host to power lunches, subsidized by corporate expense accounts.**

Not far from where I work, I have rediscovered a couple of cozy, multi-dimensional eating places off the beaten path and within the orbit of Jupiter and Nicanor Garcia (formerly Reposo) streets. I have not ventured far afield since I went on sabbatical to write a book—say to Quezon City (especially in the Tomas Morato circuit where new restaurants have opened). But an exploration there is forthcoming.

Bert Bravo's Caffe Appassionato on tree-lined Reposo is such a rediscovery. It has not only expanded and improved its formerly indifferent menu; it has also added on a micro-brewery modeled after Czech breweries, and has introduced a range of central European sausages on top of a selection of gourmet coffee.

The value added is the Vietnamese cuisine that has enlarged the eclectic menu previously composed of Filipino, Italian, and American cafeteria dishes. The Vietnamese cuisine is a variation of the themes offered in Vietnamese food chains. The café has a Vietnamese cook. It serves, to mention some dishes, the traditional Pho Bo (beef noodle soup), Cha Gio Vn (Vietnamese spring rolls) Ca Hap-Nam (steamed fish and mushroom) and Chao Tum (shrimp meat on sugar cane). The price ranges from P95 to P215. It also has a menu for the day that costs no more than P300.

The café's space has been expanded to accommodate the micro-brewery called Privo Praha. A Czech brewmaster oversees the brewery that concocts a brew defined by its bittersweet flavor distinctive of Czech pilsen. Bert Bravo says, "Operating a microbrewery is like producing hand-crafted beer."

Microbreweries, with their own styles, are popular in Czechoslovakia (now split into the Czech Republic and Slovakia). There are hundreds of them. The Czechs are the biggest beer guzzlers in the world, bar none. In 1995, the Czechs drank an average of 161 liters of beer per person, according to official statistics. This means a bottle of beer for every man, woman and child in Czechlands with its population of eight million.

Privo Prava's microbrewery brews beer in the tradition of Pilsner Urquell, a light-colored lager. The name derives from Pilsen, the heart of the Czech beer industry in central Europe, and urquell, which is German for "original source." It is popularly called Pilsener beer. It is a light somewhat bitter beer, with a clear and golden color and is sometimes called "Czech gold."

Pilsner originated from the 19th century in Pilzen, part of the Czech Republic and formerly of the kingdom of Bohemia. It has a soft and malty taste.

To the Czechs, beer drinking is considered part of the national heritage. A Czech proverb says "beer makes beautiful bodies."

The beverage is so sacrosanct that even the communists allowed beer drinking as one of the few legal leisure-time activities. Throughout the long years of socialism, beer drinking allowed the Czechs to endure food shortages and political repression.

The beer pubs are the center of Czech social life, where they indulge in political, social and cultural discussion. It is not amiss to say that the movement called the "Prague spring" led by the Communist Party leader Alexander Dubceck that sought to give Communism a "human face" had its origins in the pubs of Prague.

It may also be said that Czech President Vaclav Havel's dissident movement that culminated in the Czechs' "velvet revolution" sprang from the effervescence of pilsener beer. Beer goes very well with the Czech national meal composed of roasted pork, cabbage and Czech dumplings.

To complement the beer, Café Appassionato is adding to its menu new varieties of central European sausages and hams with more spicy flavors than the blander German varieties. The café has expanded its space to provide a venue for small groups. Coffee comes from Blue Mountain, Kona, Sumatra, Kenya, Ethiopia and Columbia and there's also a house blend. The coffee blends, as well as the methods used in their brewing, are as interesting as those served in the burgeoning

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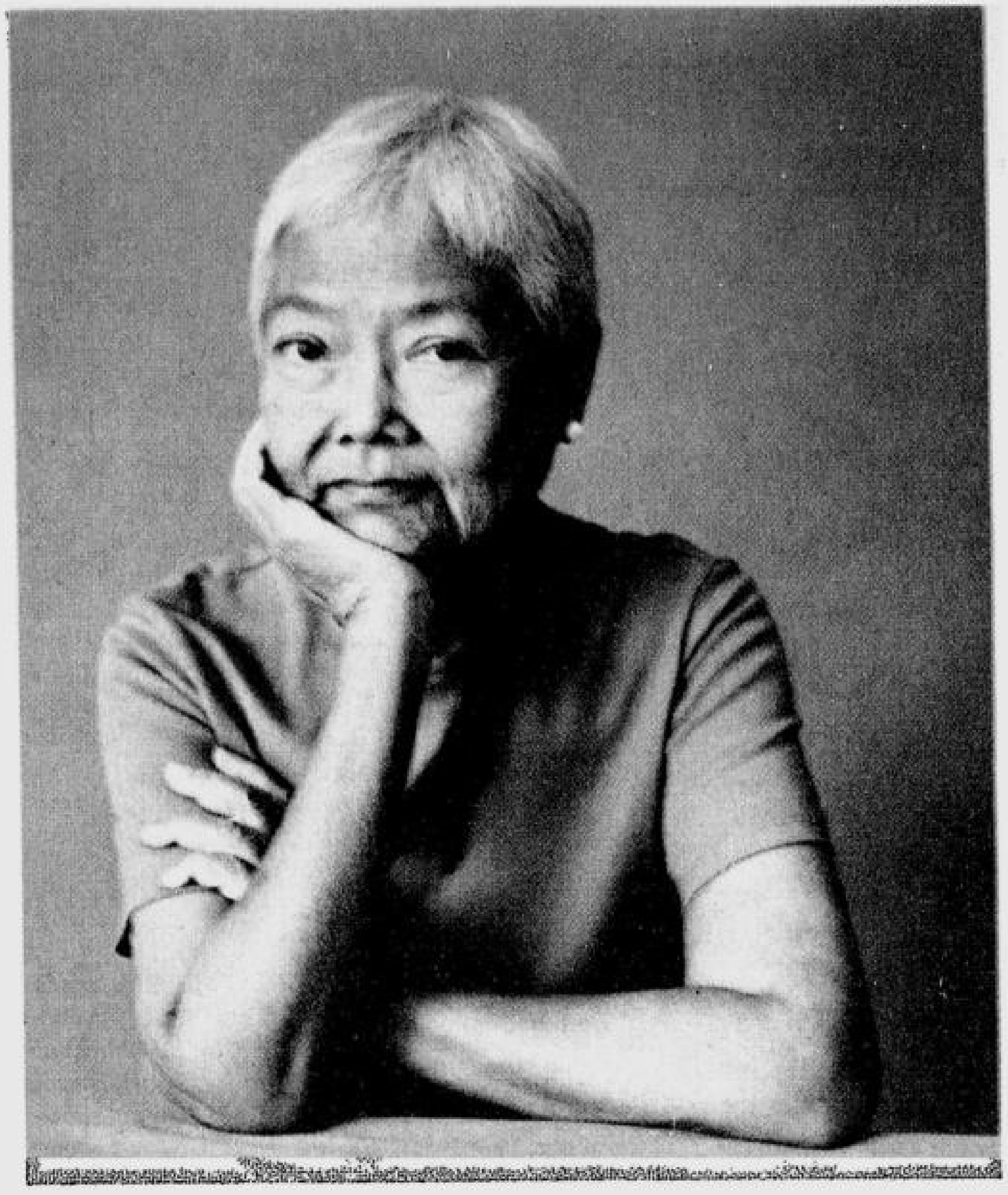
*By John L. Silva*

# Doreen, the *Ilongga*

***Her last nudge was for me to write about my childhood days in Iloilo. Doreen cast upon me, as she had cast upon countless others, a deeper sense of self, and the pride and confidence that comes with being centered***

STELLA KALAW



**I STARE at Doreen's e-mail messages of May. She's bringing yet another class to the National Museum. Can I accommodate her on such a date? I never quibble over dates with her, since she is a *suki* who must have brought several thousand students and Jesuit novitiates to the museum.**

I wrote to her about not having to come if she wasn't up to it, what with her wheelchair and the many galleries to go to. But no, she showed up with her students, like all the other times.

I also was self-conscious knowing she had heard my grand museum tour ad nauseum. But her students, the very brightest of Ateneo, would divert my fears as they exhibited an interest in each artifact and painting. And like all past visits, this gracious lady would always say she had learned something new from the tour.

When we said our goodbyes, Doreen would revert to whispered Ilonggo, saying how the students learned a lot. The tone felt conspiratorial, conveying that we of the genteel south had successfully imparted culture to yet another batch of Manilenos.

It was the Ilonggo connection that drew me to Doreen years back when I lived abroad. Once I fetched her and her mother at San Francisco International Airport to take them to their hotel. I met them at curbside and carried their luggage to my car with both of them giggling, in Ilonggo, about this grandson of a sugar planter reduced to a baggage boy. I laughed too, for in America, my provenance didn't matter one bit. But it was the way she placed me in the context of a province, and of a pedigree, scarcely remembered, that attracted me to Doreen.

Her sense of self, her demeanor, her engaging smile are so reminiscent of many strong willed Ilonggas I know, starting with my own mother, my aunts, cousins and women friends. Her manners were indicative of a class, but more importantly, indicative of a strong Visayan matriarchal culture. In these islands, women rule, men play. Women are enterprising, the men spoiled. Women know what satisfies them and seize it. While the men are coddled into hopeless lethargy. So, my partner Jonathan and I, like many others for the next two decades, became her willing food tasters, ordered to try the raw veggie dishes, the sushi and similar menu items that posed a problem for one who's had a kidney transplant.

She was unstoppable for a gustatory fix. We dined once at Greens, this beautiful wood-paneled restaurant poised on a jutting pier over San Francisco Bay with a drop-dead view from its floor-to-ceiling windows of the Golden Gate Bridge. This was an upscale vegetarian restaurant without hippies with braided hair and sage incense wafting about. The food, the ambiance and the vibrant orange bridge outside set against a deep blue sky was the most perfect dining experience Doreen and I ever had. There were still the desserts, and Doreen pulled out a thin pencil case containing a little syringe. She prepared her insulin shot and lifted her blouse so discreetly while I squirmed and looked the other way, hating needles so, and it was quickly over. And there, with the Pacific wind rattling our window ever so slightly, with the sun on our faces, and a pecan pie in front of us with a dollop of ice cream sliding down its crust, we feasted again. Doreen's face would be in ecstacy, and when she really enjoyed a dish, she'd raise her shoulders one at a time, up and down, as if she were dancing. Her eyes disappeared, the broadest smile remained and she would utter "Ka namit!" (Ilonggo for "How delicious!") in a high-pitched, child-like tone.

Doreen's husband Wili has been credited for starting her on the gourmand path and, later, food writing. But Doreen was self-effacing, and I suspect her dining connoisseurship was a habit picked up from her Silay, Negros Occidental childhood. I can attest to that, having eaten throughout much of the archipelago, and can declare that the Ilonggos by far are the most indulgent with the pleasures of eating.

Doreen, the food writer, would repay Wili the gourmet with an indulgence of edibles. One time Doreen and I happened to be on the same flight back to the Philippines and I offered to carry her shopping bag, which turned out to be very heavy. I chided her for her excessive book shopping. No, they're not books, she corrected me. They're cheeses, a whole assortment of them, from Balducci's in New York, she whispered, fearing a Customs agent lurking nearby. They're for Wili, she smiled. All 30 pounds of them.

A week after Wili passed away, she called Jonathan and me to lunch with her. It was at the old Le Soufflé, at the first Greenbelt. We sat at her favorite table by a window framing a tall expansive tree. She offered to order my dish and I readily agreed. Any menu recommendation from her surely came with a stamp of approval. It was a Beef Bourguignonne braised lovingly in red wine, enhanced with stout shallots, bacon and mushrooms. I adore dishes with sauces—a Visayan predilection—and this was a Le Soufflé masterpiece. Doreen was extra curious to know how it tasted, and I obliged by meditating on each morsel coursing through my mouth and probed by my inquisitive tongue. I deemed it delicious and she softly announced that this dish was Wili's favorite and one of the last he ate before he died. Coping with her grieving, Doreen wanted me to repeat for her what her husband last tasted. Watching me savor Wili's favorite dish helped her to extend his mortality a bit longer.

I never knew Wili. But I knew Doreen's great devotion to him, as well as to her family, friends and students. She was also devoted to her research. Doreen presented papers on theater and food to various Philippine and Asian Studies conferences in the United States. There were numerous presenters giving their talks, often at the same time. But when we Filipino participants knew that it was Doreen's turn to present her paper, we would all be in her lecture room in full attendance. Breaking away from the oftentimes somber discourses presented by other speakers, Doreen punctuated her presentation with a confident smile as if to emphasize the joy of discovering and sharing yet another unknown fact about Philippine culture. Her talk was never stuffy, and while other Philippine scholars skirted the issue of criticizing the then Marcos dictatorship, she would, when appropriate, indicate its folly. In her graceful tone, in a demeanor that equaled her search for native truths. We Filipinos living abroad felt so proud having Doreen speak to an audience because she always commanded respect for her impeccable scholarship.

I've tried to resist telling how Doreen had been an inspiration and a fulcrum to my life because countless others can say the same. She gave so much more of herself than she received. But tributes and accolades come from enlightened disciples and therefore I too have a rendering to share about a person we have lost.

Early in our friendship, Doreen, upon knowing we were from the same region, urged me to study my local heritage. In the United States, she spoke to me in Ilonggo and gave me t-shirts, artifacts and other knick-knacks from her hometown Silay. When an offer came to return home to the Philippines, she was the first to welcome me back. She was the first teacher I knew to bring a batch of students to the museum, and, thereafter, my most frequent visitor. She prodded me to write more, always offering to edit and introducing me to editors and publishers. I wrote about returning to my roots, about loving this country, themes she inculcated in me over a glass of wine and appetizers. Her last nudge was for me to write about my childhood days in Iloilo, a formidable task of going back decades, revisiting the city several times, and retracing the joys and pains of a young boy. Doreen cast upon me, as she had cast upon countless others,

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## The Artist Abroad

*By Luis H. Francia*

# Make the Heart Dance

***To the audience's fear that our well-ordered world had gone awry, Yoko Ono stressed the importance of creating stillness within our lives — a soothing counterweight to the war-inflected rhetoric all around***

**I HEARD Yoko Ono live for the first time recently, when my wife and I attended a talk she gave at the Kitchen, a well-known nonprofit organization in Manhattan and self-described as "an interdisciplinary laboratory for visionary, emerging and established artists."**

Ono looked great and it was difficult to believe that the woman moving about in a playful manner is 69, playing with her chair, then emitting a well-modulated scream "just to clear the air." She had her assistants hand each one of us "pieces of sky" (actually tiny cardboard squares), then bind us with blue thread before going on to engage the friendly audience in a question-and-answer format that had as its theme the artist's role in the aftermath of September 11.

Ono has an amazing body of work that ranges from film to music to the plastic arts. She has been the focus of major museum retrospectives in the past few years, and yet mention her name and people invariably associate her only with the witty, acerbic ex-Beatle, John Lennon, whom she married in 1969 and who was gunned down in 1980 by a deranged fan.

On the other hand, mention Lennon and you won't necessarily hear Ono's name. Her marriage to Lennon overshadowed her own career as an artist, one that has spanned more than 40 years, and that began before the Fab Four got together to yeah yeah their way to rock 'n' roll history. It wasn't Lennon's fault, of course, just part of the downside of living with a man who once claimed his band to be more popular than Jesus Christ. Add to that racism and Orientalist notions of the Asian woman and you see why Ono was relegated to the background.

In truth, Ono was a seminal figure in New York's downtown art scene at the start of the 1960s, particularly in conceptual art and the Fluxus movement, a loose Dada-like association of motley artists of various backgrounds and nationalities, all challenged by the fluidity of the different arts, the rich possibilities of exchange between Eastern and Western thought, the emergence of electronic technology, and a world that kept getting smaller and more chaotic--a milieu in which the only constant was change.

This idea of course is as old at least as the Greek thinker Heraklitus, who said that you can't step into the same river twice. If everything is constantly in flux(us), then chance, as much as anything else, was crucial in affecting events, reality, perceptions. It is not (ironically) by chance that the avant-garde composer John Cage exercised an important influence on Fluxus, looking as he did to serendipity as one determining principle for his works. He was, by the way, an avid reader of the I Ching or The Book of Changes.

At the same time, Ono's situation, as a Japanese woman who had experienced World War II, helped to shape, as it still does, her works--which, to my mind, make most sense when viewed as manifestations of a distinct, idiosyncratic, conceptual, and highly personal process, one that contains both Buddhist and feminist subtexts. The latter finds expression not in the aggressive Western style that usually seems to mirror, if not parody, identical Western male behavior, but in a manner that relies on subtlety, whimsical humor, and a distinct Zen worldview.

One of Ono's most well-known works, for instance, is Cut Piece. In its 1964 premiere in Tokyo, individual audience members came onstage and cut away pieces of her clothing as Ono sat on her knees quietly, passively--a performance that at once demonstrated traditional female submission and Buddhist forbearance of violence. At the Kitchen that night was a row of broken pottery, an installation called Mend Piece--a concrete metaphor for the desire to repair a broken world, one where indeed notions of universal humanitarianism are menaced by intolerant patriarchies and a blood lust that is truly frightening.

Part of why we came for her talk was Ono's reputation as a pacifist, surely derived from her having lived through the American bombing of Japan. Currently, she has a billboard up at Times Square with a quote from Lennon's "Imagine": "Imagine all the people living in peace." (Scholars now believe that John's pacifism owes a great deal to Ono's.)

One thing the Kitchen audience shared, like some bitter stew, was fear, fear that our well-ordered world had gone awry and that nothing we could do as writers, artists, teachers, students, etc. mattered. This was expressed in many of the questions asked of Ono. Her answers were candid yet soothing, emphasizing the importance of creating stillness within our lives, of listening to our intuition, of continuing to do what we were best at doing.

Though expected from a person who's been influenced by Zen Buddhism, it was important to hear such things as a counterweight to the war-inflected rhetoric all around. Above all she said we had to do something everyday "that makes the heart dance." Wise advice indeed for these times.

# This Week

## Art

**Cultural Landscapes: Recent Prints from North-central Arnhem Land** features 30 prints showcasing heterogenous and highly dynamic artworks which are the result of ongoing collaborative work between Maningrida Arts and Culture, its artists and Northern Editions, until Aug. 9 at the Australia Centre, 104 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City.

The **Rizaliana Furniture Exhibit** is ongoing at the Baluarte de Sta. Barbara, Fort Santiago, Intramuros. Displayed are original pieces from the Rizaliana collection of the National Historical Institute. Some were used at the Rizal ancestral home in Calamba, Laguna, while a few came from Dr. Jose Rizal's clinic in Hong Kong. For inquiries, call 527-2961.

*Anyo at Kulay ng Kalikasan*, an exhibit featuring the works of artists from Tanay until Aug. 9 at the Ugnayan Hall of the Development Bank of the Philippines, Gil Puyat Avenue cor. Makati Avenue, Makati City.

## Music

**European Choral Music**, a concert of the Kammerchor Stuttgart at the Philamlife Auditorium on July 29 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will open with the works of Philippine composers—Estrada, Calalang and Cayabyab—as performed by the Ateneo Chamber Singers. The Kammerchor Stuttgart is a choir of professional singers and voice students from Germany, The Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland. For details, call 435-6552 or (0917)535-6552.

The Sunico Foundation for Arts and Technology will stage a piano concerto, **Hand in Hand with Raul Sunico**, Aug. 4, 7:30 p.m. at the CCP Main Theater. For tickets, call 849-7209 or 373-4530.

## Onstage

Trumpets presents **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**, a musical based on the book by C.S. Lewis, every weekend from Aug. 2 until Sept. 15 at the Meralco Theater. For tickets to the Aug. 3, 3 p.m. show, call 816-6219, (0918)916-7550, (0919)411-0329.

Araw Theater Ensemble and Alyansa, Inc. present *Pataya Patihaya*, a multi-art production involving theater, music, movements and video on Aug. 4, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the FEU Auditorium. For details, call 443-3963.

## Cinema

*Utang ni Tatang*, a dark comedy by Jon Red about a gang getting back together to collect a debt from their former boss, will be screened on July 30 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the UP Film Center, Diliman, QC. The movie stars Joel Torre, Jeffrey Quizon, Ronnie Lazaro, Maricar de Mesa, Tado and Jaime Fabregas. An open forum with the cast and creative staff will follow the second screening. Tickets at P40. For inquiries, call 926-2720 or 925-0286.

## Atbp

Learn simple ways to listen and commune with your angelic guide through fun and creative activities in **An Angel Awareness Workshop** on Aug. 3, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Center for Health and Creative Arts. For details, call 434-5381.

A seminar on **Teaching with Style** will be held on Aug. 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the ACCM Building, 102 Valero St., Salcedo Village, Makati City. For reservations, call 823-2615 or text (0919)8270776.

Amy P. Cavosora launches a series of **guided meditation sessions** based on "A Course in Miracles." The first session centers on "Remembering Abba," with brief talk and two visualizations to be held on Aug. 11, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and on Aug. 24 at Quezon City. She will also hold lectures and reflections on Miracles Studies on Aug. 11, 1:30-5 p.m. and on Aug. 24. Last day of registration is Aug. 4 for the Aug. 11 session, and Aug. 19 for the Aug. 24 session. For details, call 925-2795 or (0917)608-9625.

## X-manila

Ballet Philippines' production of **Shoes++** will tour various provinces this month and in August. "Shoes++" is a series of fun dance based on various kinds of footwear, from toe shoes to sneakers and *bakya*. On July 29 and Aug. 1, the company will perform at the Central Mindanao University Gym in Musuan, Bukidnon. On Aug. 6, the troupe goes on stage at the Sigma Civic Center in Capiz and at the following venues: Holy Name University Gym in Tagbilaran, Bohol (Aug. 10), Superdome in Ormoc City (Aug. 13), Leyte State University Gymnatorium in Baybay, Leyte (Aug. 15), and at the HRDC Theater, Leyte Normal University in Tacloban City (Aug. 17). For details, call the CCP Outreach Division at 832-3674 or 833-0267.

The Sibul ng Aeta Foundation presents **Spirit of '67 The Concert** at the Holiday Inn Resort Clark Field's grand ballroom on Aug. 3 at 8 p.m. Tickets available at all Rural Bank of Angeles branches in Pampanga and at the Holiday Inn Resort Clark Field banquet sales office. For details, call (045) 888-8055 or (045) 888-6499.

# Pinoy Nga!

By Jess Abrera

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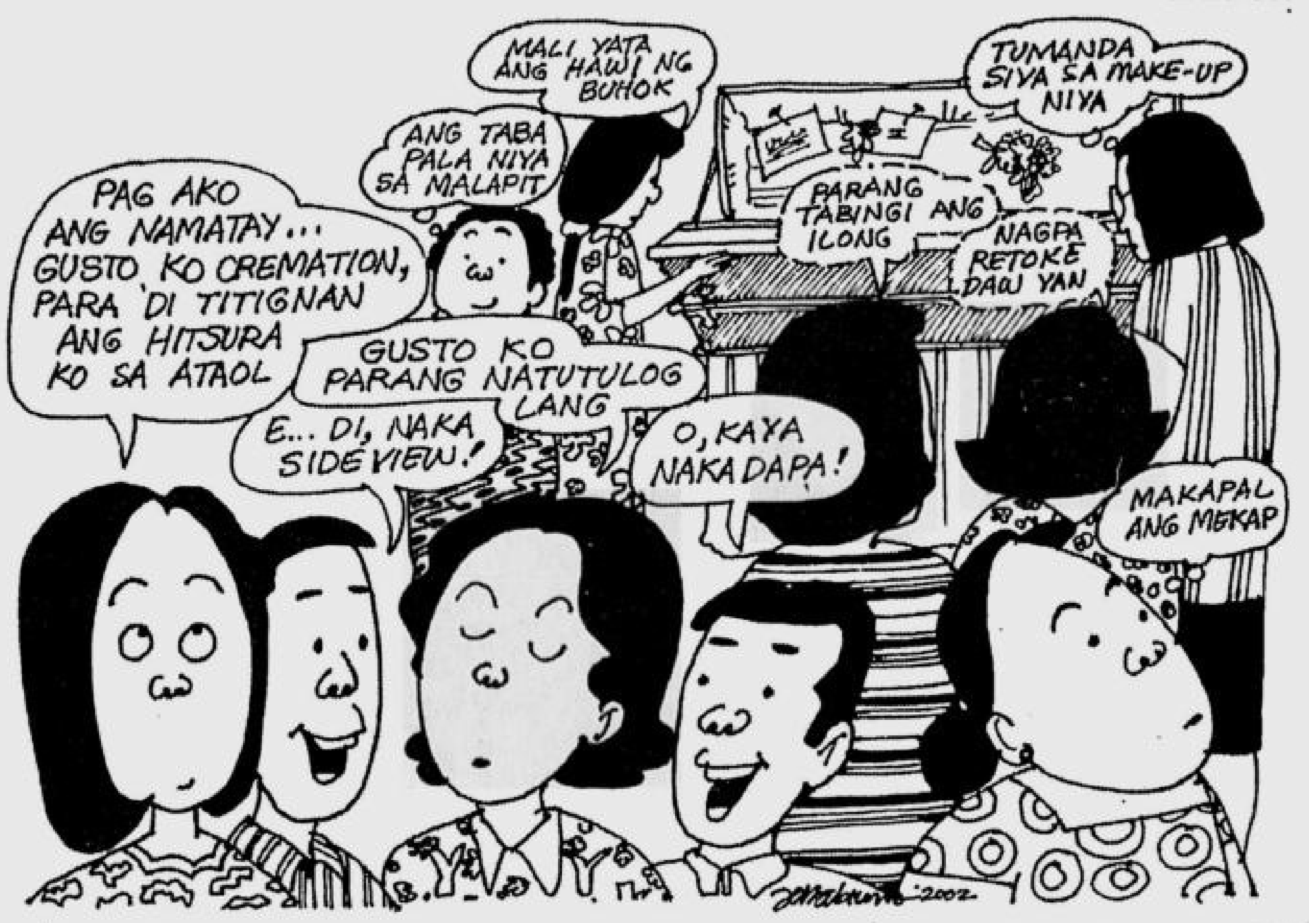
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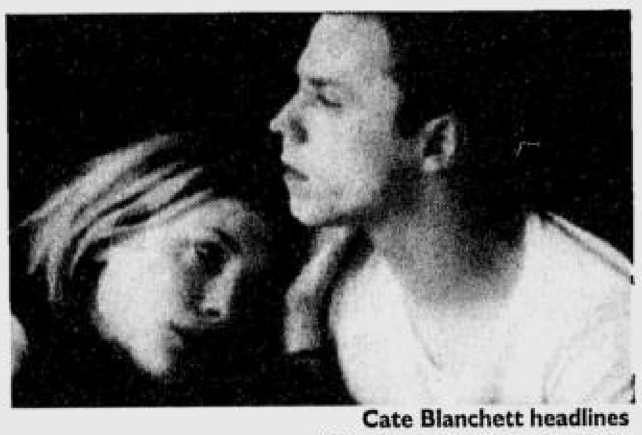
## Movie Mania

**Cinemanila International Film Festival formally opens on Aug. 1 at Greenbelt 1 Cinemas with Education Secretary Raul S. Roco as guest of honor. Opening film is "Heaven" from Germany, directed by Tom Tykwer of "Run Lola Run" fame. A highlight of the opening festivities is the gathering of actors who made films with Lino Brocka and Ishmael Bernal. The festival will showcase over a hundred acclaimed films from various countries across the globe for 15 days. It is divided into several sections such as World Cinema, Asian Cinema, Philippine Cinema and Digital Cinema. Audiences will have the opportunity to interact with the visiting filmmakers who will be presenting their own entries for the festival. Presented by the City of Makati, Cinemanila will run from Aug. 1-15 at the Greenbelt 1 Cinemas. For details, log on to www.cinemanila.com.ph or call 412-7686.**



Cate Blanchett headlines "Heaven" at Cinemanila 2002

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globalized coffee houses.

The other place away from the beaten path is this place between Saturn and Jupiter, called Europa Delicatessen and Butcher Shop. Don't be misled by the sign, which disguises a cozy café style restaurant. The unpretentious café has room for only seven tables that can seat a total of 20 guests. The café seems to be only incidental to the deli, but when one enters, the atmosphere changes. It is like being transported to another world with the ambience of smaller European bistros.

The menu is intimidating for the size of the café. It consists of 22 pages, including a formidable wine list with wines from France, Italy, Australia and New Zealand. It has a wide range of sausages, hams, cheeses, steaks (from Canada, US, Australia and New Zealand) and bread such as multigrain rye bread baked in Germanic style.

But if one is looking for food, the eyes can feast on the steaks, sea food such as salmon, Canadian oysters, halibut, mahimahi, trout, and blue marlin, (thank God, they don't serve the ubiquitous Chilean sea bass), lots of hams and sausages, and Australian and New Zealand lamb. The selection of sausages and hams is staggering. There are German, Austrian, Polish, Hungarian, Swiss and Italian sausages. The steaks (from Canada, US, Australia, and New Zealand) tease the eyes, but they are somewhat pricey. If one is ambitious and pretentious, there's, for appetizer, quail with foie gras. I know social climbers like to order this stuff to show off as a status symbol. I also know some guests who are not content with a single serving to emphasize the message.

I didn't go to the café for a big meal. So we had goulash soup made of beef stew seasoned with paprika, a dish for which Hungary is famous, and oxtail soup. For the main dish, we had beef meatloaf and a spicy Hungarian sausage. I have taken a fancy to goulash soup, which I have attempted to cook with moderate success, thanks to paprika sent by my sister in New York. It is filling and nourishing, and besides, there are not many restaurants in Manila serving this dish.

Ambience, or atmosphere, is what gives the small place a special charm. It is conducive to relaxed dining without the pomposity of "fine dining," which is a much abused word in Manila. The wine shop has an extensive range of wines, but what took my fancy was an inexpensive French white wine, labeled Henri Maire Bonchalez Blanc, with a golden complexion. It was already chilled and seemed to be the bistro's temptress; it was laced with a ribbon. At P309 a bottle, one can't have a better deal.

A word of advice. If you don't want to be confused by the menu with more pages than a seminar paper, just be sure of what you want and discipline your eyes. Don't think you are there for a bacchanalia or to eat all you want for so much, And don't be distracted by the deli, which has much to offer, unless you are shopping for take-home food.

## Management

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teem because we Pinoys have a tendency to draw our fulfillment from our job, not from ourselves as individuals."

This is why Anthony—along with his wife Maricel—is excited about their next project, the First Philippine Parenting Conference. Set for mid-October, the conference will bring together people of varying interests, careers, religions and areas in society, to discuss and learn about effective parenting and integrate that into the larger corporate experience. "It will seek to be a first not only in terms of bringing the parenting challenge as a topic at every dining table in every Filipino home, but in setting a new benchmark in 'high touch and high tech' convention organization and management," Anthony says.

Over the 12 years that he has been a management trainer, Anthony has identified the major problem areas for most companies. He and his team at BusinessWorks have designed training programs to address these needs. They have seminars on a diverse range of topics from Corporate Imaging to Business Phone Selling Techniques, Managing Change, Managing Stress, Effective Inter-Personal Communication, Leadership in the New Millennium, Lessons in Mid-Life Career Changes, Developing Top Performers, and yes, there's even a seminar that teaches business people how to "Keep Smart and Healthy."

The seminars can be done for small groups of up to 25 people, for entire companies, and in one-on-one sessions. It works just as effectively either way, says Anthony.

As a management trainer, Anthony asks only one thing. "Our main goal in training is changing and maximizing," he explains. "So as a rule, we don't accept clients who are not committed to change. If necessary, we say things that will hurt management, but sometimes you have to do that to achieve the goal. In fact, we have a saying here at BusinessWorks—'The truth will set you free...after it pisses you off!'"

Anthony makes no secret of the fact that he is a born-again Christian. So is his wife Maricel, and so are most of the people who help them run BusinessWorks. "Maricel and I make sure that everything we do is under the theme of impacting hearts and minds. In fact, she just rejected a soap opera that was being offered to her because it was not consistent with the image."

It's the same way with BusinessWorks. "We don't separate the spiritual," he says. "Our approach to training is Biblical—it's just the language that we use that varies. But the purpose never changes, and that is to see the full development of people in every institution in the country. After all, a company is only as good as its people."

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a deeper sense of self, and the pride and confidence that comes with being centered.

At lunch, a week before she left for New York, she asked what had happened to the controversy surrounding the building of a McDonald's on the grounds of Balayan Church in Batangas. I gave her an update on our efforts to stop the completion of the building, which, at that point was tenuously upheld by the government's Department of Environment and Natural Resources. She gave me a wise smile and an impish look suggesting a better solution. She pulled out a brochure for an international organization called Slow Food, whose members are opposed to a fast food culture and instead, promote the consumption of nutritious, locally grown, and indigenous foods bound by a "philosophy of pleasure." Join this group and spread the word she told me, because, she added, this is how you'll win in the end.

She threw one more Ilonggo project for me—a book about the literary works of Ramon Muzones, a prolific writer in Hiligaynon. She wanted a book review by the end of the month. I thumbed through the book and gathered my courage to say there were passages in Hiligaynon that I wouldn't understand. Doreen was undaunted. When I get to those passages, she said, read it aloud. Then, she assured, I'll understand it perfectly.

I laid the book aside in some corner of the house hoping it would disappear. But one evening, dutiful and guilt ridden, I picked it up, found a passage in Hiligaynon, cleared my throat and read it out loud. I began not to hear myself but the voices of shopkeepers, policemen, doctors, and lovers and I was stunned that I could understand them all. If I only read it, the words would have been just a string of unknown consonants. But in uttering the words, and saying them with confidence, I also heard, amidst the din, Doreen's own lilting sweet voice.

We had plans to get together in New York in June. I had arrived earlier and lined up a few restaurants. There was a Vietnamese restaurant serving fusion dishes on Park Avenue that was the current rave. I even checked it out to make sure it was wheelchair accessible.

But Doreen arrived in her favorite city only to be rushed to the hospital. All these years, I cannot ever recall her canceling a lunch or dinner. I still check my e-mail each morning half hoping I would get a rain check from her. I'll keep her e-mails of past luncheons and dinner dates and museum visits. If only to extend her mortality a bit longer.

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